



## MIDLANDS, WALES & SW REGION NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2011

**Welcome to New Member:** Denise Taylor from Musbury Fabrics; Chris Moore, Sharon Breary and Christine Pennington from Richard Haworth.

Our July meeting was a very relaxing, leisurely event, **HOSTED** by Kettering Park Hotel, Kettering where we



enjoyed a BBQ, provided by the hotel. Emma Lucking, Head Housekeeper, our hostess, and Sheila Chester, ensured that we were looked after. Liz Smith-Mills, from **DIVERSEY**, provided the PIMMS and WINE. The Pimms was a very welcome drink after a hot day. Julia Harper thanked Emma for providing the BBQ, and to the CHEF for doing such a great job. The raffle was drawn; thank you to everyone who donated a prize, including:- Denise Taylor from Musbury Fabrics,



Pauline Lawson from Liddell, Liz Smith Mills, Angela Jaquiss, Lesley Covington.

One conversation that was of great interest was between Lesley Covington, Head Housekeeper from Banbury House Hotel, and Nigel Smith from Mattison Contract Beds. Nigel has agreed to do a 'Day In The Life of a Housekeeper', including making beds, while Lesley will go to the factory where the beds are made. I think Lesley will have the better day. We will keep you updated on the outcome. Did you know that a new bed over a 5 year period costs as little as 1p a day.

## **ANNUAL SUMMER BALL 2011**

This year the Annual Summer Ball was hosted by the West Pennines Region, and held at the Renaissance Hotel, in the heart of Manchester.



**Figure 1** Leigh-Anne Burns, West Pennines Chairperson, thanks her Committee, and helpers



**Fig 2.** The Raffle



**Fig 3**Angela Jaquiss presents Ian Hughes, Lynn Yambao with gifts **Fig4** Sheial Perrera, Angela Jaquiss, Ian Hughes,Lynn Yambao



The evening was a great success with over 160 guests attending, enjoying a four-course meal, followed by the raffle, which had many great prizes donated by many, many suppliers. The prizes included a bed, flat screen TV, towelling, bedding, toiletries and several one-night stays at various hotels. All the sponsors for the event were displayed on a large screen throughout the evening. The proceeds from the raffle will be donated to Hospitality Action, which dates back to the 1800's, originally as the "London Coffee House Keepers Association' for the purpose of relieving aged and decayed members of the trade, their widows and orphans, who, from reverses of fortune, might be reduced from a state of comparative prosperity to

the alternative of dragging out a miserable existence within the walls of a workhouse” – Quotations from Rules & regulations LCHKA 1837.

Angela Jaquiss, on behalf of National, presented Ian Hughes and Lynn Yambao with vouchers for gifts; Ian stood down as National Chairperson after holding the position for 10 years; Lynn had been on the National Committee for 25 years, as National Secretary and more recently as Deputy Chairperson.

The evening continued with a disco, and plenty of dancing, until 1am. A great night was had by all.



In June Anne Britton and Pricilla Ladha from London & SE Region had a meeting with the Suisse Housekeeping Association, in Lausanne, following on from a previous meeting, to discuss the future European Housekeeping Association. As you can see they have set up the new logo; there will be developments to follow.

## NEWS FROM THE OTHER REGIONS

**SCOTTISH REGION** – In early July they had a social evening at The Birds & The Bees, enjoying a BBQ and a game of petanque.

**LONDON & SE REGION** – In early July they had a BBQ at the Tower of London

**NORTHERN REGION** – Towards the end of July they will have a meeting at Rudding Park Hotel

## UKHA WEBSITE

This is constantly being updated, recently the 'LINKS' page has had the links put into Categories, making it easier for you to find a specific link eg Hotel Amenities, Laundries; soon they will have their company logos with their links. The Associates support our website, **PLEASE** click onto their websites, through the links, and see what they have to offer.

## USEFUL WEBSITES

A list of approved training organisations – [www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid/approved-training.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/firstaid/approved-training.htm)

Advice for designers, manufacturers and users on pressure systems – [www.hse.gov.uk/pressure-systems/index.htm](http://www.hse.gov.uk/pressure-systems/index.htm)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**15 SEPTEMBER** – Meeting @ DORMY HOUSE HOTEL, nr BROADWAY – 'E' Cloth man, Sponsored by Aslotel

**11 OCTOBER** – BCC Conference [www.britishcleaningcouncil.org/cleaningconference](http://www.britishcleaningcouncil.org/cleaningconference)

**14 OCTOBER** – ANNUAL BUSINESS LUNCH @ RIVERBANK PARK PLAZA HOTEL, LONDON, Speaker Alistair Stewart

3 NOVEMBER – Afternoon Meeting @ DIVERSEY, WESTON FAVELL, NORTHAMPTON

24 NOVEMBER – Meeting @ BANBURY HOUSE HOTEL

20 JANUARY 2012 – Christmas Dinner @ BANBURY HOUSE HOTEL

22 JUNE 2012 – ANNUAL SUMMER BALL @ DeVere OULTON HALL, LEEDS



## HOSPITALITY APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS 2011

Recognising Excellence and Achievement in Hospitality Apprenticeships. More detailed information about these awards can be found on the UKHA website, or [www.halm.co.uk](http://www.halm.co.uk), or contact Barbara Barnes: email [bb@halm.co.uk](mailto:bb@halm.co.uk). Closing date for entries is **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2011.**



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Don't forget – our next meeting is on 15 September, 2011 at The Dormy House Hotel.

If there is anything that you would like mentioned in the next Newsletter please contact Sara Cockram

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