



**SECOND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THURSDAY 27 JANUARY 2005
CHAIR'S REPORT**

It is my pleasure to report on City Synergy's activities during the past year. These have included goalball, ten-pin bowling, two cycling events, walks (to Devil's Dyke along the old railway track, and from the Golden Galleon to Cuckmere Haven.) We went swimming at St Dunstan's and at the Triangle in Burgess Hill, and participated in a sponsored swim at Roedean School. We participated in archery, and went sailing on the Lagoon in Hove. We have also organised outings to Amberley Working Museum, and Singleton Open Air Museum, both in West Sussex. Our numerous social events have included theatre visits, meals out, a barbecue on the beach, and pub quiz evenings. Our year started with the Aladdin pantomime at the Theatre Royal, and ended with a pasta evening at Pam and Richard's. City Synergy has bought its own tandem so that members can participate in cycling rallies in the future.

City Synergy is still playing Goalball twice a month, and competitions are being looked into for the coming year. Young players, beginners, and volunteers are still welcome to join us.

A full programme of events is underway for January, February, and March. These will include short walks (two

miles, no stiles) as formerly organised by Leisure Link. City Synergy has also taken over Leisure Link's partnership with the University of the Third Age Brunswick Westward, offering free places in French classes at Elementary and Intermediate levels for members of City Synergy. We are aware that certain other activities are continuing with different organisations. For example, a discussion group still meets, and there are computer courses at the Connaught Centre.

Without funding from the Scarman Trust, from Blatchington Court Trust Fund, and St George's Parish Fund, many of these events could not have taken place. On behalf of City Synergy, I would like to thank these organisations immensely.

Our thanks go out to everybody who has been involved with City Synergy during 2004. This includes those serving as officers and members of the Committee; all those who have participated in our events; and the sighted volunteers who have supported our activities. Lastly I should like to thank Katy Russell of Leisure Link who has given City Synergy her unfailing support.

The Committee is always interested to hear your ideas about possible activities: all your suggestions will be considered.

Thank you, everyone, for another successful year!

Mick Etheridge

27 January 2005