

**CITY SYNERGY
THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2006
CHAIR'S REPORT**

First of all, I should like to welcome everybody to this yearly event. It is important to note that this is the occasion when members of the Committee are elected, or re-elected.

I would like to thank everybody for their support during the last year: the Committee and the volunteers for their hard work in organising the programme and for contributing their own precious time for the benefit of City Synergy, and the members for taking part (and hopefully enjoying) the events. The Committee is always interested to hear members' ideas about possible activities, and all your suggestions will be considered.

The year 2005 began with a visit to the Pantomime, and ended with a guided tour of the Royal Pavilion. During the year, theatre visits have included Lady Salsa at the Theatre Royal, and Stomp! at the Dome. We also supported a vision impaired theatre company at two productions at the Sallis Benney

During the summer we enjoyed country walks to Devil's Dyke and to the Tide Mills at Newhaven: in the winter we explored three Blue Plaque Tours of Brighton & Hove, using printed guides from the Tourist Office.

Special events that took place included a long-awaited trip to Harvey's Brewery in Lewes, our annual barbecue on the beach, and a boat trip round the Marina (in the course of which, Dorothy lost her walking stick and I had a go at driving the boat!) In December, thirty-seven members enjoyed Christmas lunch at the White Horse in Rottingdean.

Sporting activities for our energetic and/or younger members have included goalball twice a month, and ten-pin bowling sessions during school holidays. Regular archery sessions have been available at Lewes for City Synergy members over sixteen years of age.

Continued funding from the Scarman Trust, Blatchington Court Trust, and St George's Parish Fund have enabled City Synergy to subsidise a magnificent programme during the past year. We hope that our future fundraising will enable us to continue our efforts to enhance the lives of vision impaired people throughout Brighton, Hove and the surrounding area.

On behalf of the Committee and myself, I would like to wish everybody involved with City Synergy another happy and successful year.

**Mick Etheridge
Chair**

4 February 2006