

NORTH EAST 50TH. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

As London and the Phab England celebrations were so far away from us, Dunelm Phab(from Durham) decided we would like to have our own event up here in the North East and invited Abbey Phab, also from Durham, Seaham Phab, Middlesbrough Phab & Stockton & Billingham Phab to join in the planning of a "Fun Day" and a total of 130 people altogether attended including Martin Holdsworth, Anne Joyce and Rebecca Hargreaves from Phab England. We had planned an outdoor event but the weather was atrocious and we were forced to be indoors!!

The event took place at Glendene School & Community Arts College in Easington, County Durham and took the form of some competitions and a taster session of New Age Curling, Quick Cricket and Hockey followed by some "It's a Knockout" type races after which we had a well earned Barbeque and a Disco. The event was officially opened by Mrs Connie Waugh MBE who was responsible for starting off Phab work in County Durham in 1958 when she was County Youth Officer and who served on the Durham P.A.C for many years until it disbanded in 1999. She was especially pleased to meet up with some of the members she knew from her involvement with Phab over all those years and we were pleased to see her in such good health and enjoying the reunions.



Here are some pictures of the activities that took place and the members enjoying them.



New Age Curling



Skittles competition



Target competition



Hockey



Quick Cricket



Good old egg & spoon!



Bodyboarding



Alternative "water" game as we were indoors!



Space hoppers

All day long the cafe in the College was open and was a place where members who hadn't seen each other for a while could catch up and while there, be entertained with a sing song and some magic and balloon animal making. After all the activities had finished, we were all ready for our barbeque tea!!



The Cafe



The Entertainment



The Barbeque

Before the event, the clubs held a competition to design a logo which was used on the programme for the day which was judged by Mr Tom Glasper, a previous Board Member of Phab and the winning design, shown here was done by Anne-Marie Cassidy of Dunelm Phab club in Durham who was presented with a small prize for her design.



Other prizes presented on the day for the competitions were to Frank Goody of Abbey Phab who gained the highest score on the target game and to Sue Newton from Dunelm Phab who accumulated the highest score in the Skittles competition. Congrats to them and well done to everyone else who competed. Prizes were presented by Michelle, the Treasurer of Dunelm Phab Club.

The day ended with a Disco featuring our friendly Disco Diva "Shaz" (in the hat) who gets everyone going and always enjoys herself as well!! Judging by the comments as everyone left and the thank you letters and cards I received, a "Phabulous" time was had by all and I was glad to be a part of a day that all Phabbers in the North East will remember for a long time.

Paula Bradley, Club Leader
Dunelm Phab Club.



P.S. Here are the Phab England staff enjoying themselves!!!

