

The Valentine's Masquerade Ball!



On Thursday 11th February 2010, Avenues held a Valentine's Masquerade Ball for the people we support and staff. This event took place at the Whitbread Hop Farm in Kent.

Over 350 people turned up for an evening of dancing, eating and fancy dress – with everyone making a huge effort with their masks. Steve James, Group Chief Executive was given the difficult task of choosing the best mask – after deliberation he chose everyone who lives at a service in Tonbridge run by Avenues Trust Support Services. They were awarded with a £20 voucher.

Throughout the evening, people voted for their King and Queen of the Ball using voting cards and posting it in ballot boxes. The winners were announced

as **Queen of the Ball**: Nina (pictured above), who lives in Surrey. Nina was presented with a £20 voucher and a beautiful bouquet of flowers. **King of the Ball**: Bernie (pictured to the right), who lives in Tonbridge. Bernie was presented with a £20 voucher, and both Bernie and Nina wore personalised sashes for the rest of the evening.

This party was organised internally and partly paid for by fundraising organised at our Head Office and local area offices.

As people left to make their way home with beaming smiles and aching feet from all the dancing, the evening was deemed a huge success!

Steve James said: "I am sure that everyone who came to this year's party had a great time – I know I did. I cannot wait for the 2011 party!!"

