

## **WEYMOUTH LIFE GROUP AGM**

At the 28<sup>th</sup> AGM held on 14<sup>th</sup> January, the members of Weymouth and District LIFE Group were encouraged to learn that their membership numbers had remained stable over the last year, and the LIFE Babyshop and Charity shop had had a very good trading year.

The shop Manageress reported that she was continuing to receive very good quality donations of clothes, baby equipment and toys, and that over the years the shop had become a friendly drop in centre for mums and their children.

The Caring Officer said that the profits from the shop were used to support the rent and services for the Care Centre, provided free pregnancy testing and free NHS Chlamydia testing. The Care Centre has been providing dedicated practical assistance and support since 1992 to women with a crisis pregnancy.

However, members were reminded that at the end of 2007 (the most recent year for which NHS statistics are available) there had been over 205,000 abortions in England and Wales. Abortions are increasing at an annual rate of about 2.5% - which makes this one of the few growth industries in this country. Yet last Autumn there were still MPs calling for further relaxation in the law.

The Weymouth LIFE Group invites anyone with a pro-life outlook to join us.

Our Group is part of the national charity LIFE, which is non denominational and offers free, confidential information, support and counselling for women facing crisis pregnancy, suffering after pregnancy loss or struggling to cope after abortion. LIFE can also provide financial and practical help and support before and after birth.

Our LIFE Charity Shop focuses on baby and children's clothes and baby equipment at very reasonable prices, and helps young families whose budgets are being stretched in the current financial crisis. Our Caring service comes to the aid of anyone in real need. We are only a telephone call away 01305 761126