



Square 1 Newsletter

Issue 39 - 3rd Quarter 2016

**Welcome to our 3rd newsletter of 2016
with Carole as 'Editor in chief'**

**Pictures and latest diary available on our
Website - courtesy of Ron.**

<http://www.sq1singlesclubswindon.co.uk>
and also on Facebook at [Square One - Swindon](#)

Shrivenham Military College Music and
Fireworks

Thursday 14 July 2016

Sylvia delays the ticket buying until the day as it's no fun sitting outside in the cold n wet. The weather had been pretty changeable but we were lucky, the skies cleared, sun came out and rain held off. How we enjoyed dancing (Jo wrapped in a Union Jack) on the grass to the bands as they played. Food could be bought if you forgot your picnic or the smell of the BBQ was more tempting. Excellent company, great music and a terrific firework display.

Thanks Sylvia for organising the tickets.

Abingdon-Oxford-Abingdon River Avon Cruise
17 July 2016

What a beautiful day and a lovely boat with seating outside in the sunshine or under the canopy. Delightful watching the riverbank unfold as we glided along. There was time for a quick drink in the pub at Oxford before the return journey. Some had a picnic at the end of the cruise whilst some of us eat theirs along the way.

Thank you Ron for organising this trip.

Italian Restaurant, Highworth

Saturday 23 July 2016

16 members meet for a very enjoyable evening - company was good - food was excellent with empty plates all round - some of us even managed a pudding!!

Thanks to Sylvia for organising.

Coach Trip to Swanage

Sunday 24 July 2016

Club funds were looking good and in the black, so it was decided to treat the members to a freebie trip to Swanage.

A popular idea as the coach was full.

Some decided to alight at Corfe Caste whilst the rest stayed on the coach to Swanage. We had been spoilt of late with exceptionally good weather, but today is was a bit overcast with occasional light drizzle.

First Sunday of the school holidays, on reflection, not a good day to travel as we were stuck in traffic in both directions. From my point of view not a lot at Swanage but fish n chips outside and the excellent company made up for it.

I make no reference to those who got on the wrong coach for the homeward journey. Agreed, one Barnes coach looks very much like another but did we look like those other passengers too??

A big thank you to Jo and Sylvia making the arrangements that made the trip possible.

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Skittles at The Woodshaw Pub, Wootton Bassett
Saturday 6 August 2016

This one is always a popular event with a large turnout of members. It's a bit of a squash but who cares? Good pub grub with enough for 2nd or 3rd helpings. Well done to the winners John and Pat.

Thank you Sylvia for organising this event.

Aldbourne Pond Concert
Sunday 7 August 2016

A sunny afternoon, cake stall, raffle and Brass Band - what's not to like. There may have been other Sq1 members there but 'the Green' was packed so it was hard to tell.

A night at the Cinema
Saturday 27 August

15 members enjoyed seeing the film "Bad Mums".

The outing was organised by Val and many thanks

Crickley Hill Country Park
Monday 29 August 2016

What a great way to spend a Bank Holiday Monday with a walk and a picnic. 11 members enjoyed a fabulous walk through the woods and up to the top of the hill and enjoyed a picnic in the sunshine. The views were fantastic. Everyone went home tired but happy.

Thank you Sylvia for organising and thank you Jo for leading the way.

Rock and Roll Bingo
Shield and Dagger
Thursday 1 September 2016

It was bingo but not quite bingo as you know it.

Instead of bingo cards with numbers we had bingo cards with a Singer/Song. No caller but just a snippet (and I mean snippet) of music was played and you deleted it from your card. If you had no idea, Linda would offer the answer. Sweets for one row completed, more sweets for a second row and wine (I think - but I never got that far) for a full house.

Sally, the publican, put on a great buffet spread with enough for seconds and thirds. Sally also delighted to see my Son Adam return for the game (he does like a few beers!).

It was noisy but great fun.

Thank you Linda for organising the event and £250 raised was donated to the NSPCC.

Square 1 Sunday Walk 4 September 2016
Farringdon Folly

This was the first of a few planned Sunday morning walks.

It was a lovely day and an easy walk. Just Jo and I this time.

We are aware that quite a few of the members 'walk' during the week but hopefully more will join us for the next one.

Thank you Jo for your company and of course planning the walk.



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Thank you Jo for planning the route.

Battle of Britain BBQ/Disco at the RAFA Club
Saturday 10 September 2016

I forgot to count how members went but we outnumbered the RAFA Club members easily. £7.50 entrance ticket bought you as much BBQ as you could eat with a disco too. A good evening made even better as Ron shared his raffle prize chocolates amongst us.

Thanks Celia for organising this event.

Sunday Lunch

Carriers Arms, South Marston

A regular lunchtime venue.

Thank you Celia for being 'in charge'

Felicity Chapple

Here is a quick update on Felicity's adventure. She is traversing the world, in a truck, from London to Australia.

Felicity left England on 17 July and to date has passed through:

Europe
Turkey
Georgia & Armenia
Azerbaijan
Iran
Turkmenistan
Uzbekistan
Tajikistan
Kyrgyzstan
Kazakhstan

She is now travelling through China and Tibet or on her way to Nepal.

You can follow her blogs by visiting:
www.mytb.org/FlissGapYear

The Runner, Wootton Bassett Road, Swindon
Sunday 11 September 2016

Formerly known as The Running Horse, this was one of my old favourite pubs. It has changed hands a few times, so it was time for a re-visit.

Décor was good and 8 of us enjoyed a Sunday roast for under £10.

We enjoyed our ice creams sitting in the sun, in the beer garden afterwards.

Verdict: good food and an attractive pub with large outside space with a running stream.

Someone Like You at the Wyvern Theatre
Saturday 17 September 2016

Square 1 members enjoyed listening (and a bit of dancing) to an Adele tribute singer. Not only did she sing like Adele, she also looked like her too.

Thank you Brenda for organising the tickets.

Square 1 Sunday walk 18 September 2016
Lechlade

It was a sunny morning and an easy ramble along the river bank. We finished off with a cool drink in the pub at the river's edge before returning to the car.



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Thanks to the following reporters:

Sylvia Kendall

Jo Noblin

Linda Jones

FUTURE EVENTS/SUGGESTIONS

As always, if there is anything you would like organised or any suggestions you may have, please speak to a committee member.

That way, we can make sure the diary is kept up to date and everyone is aware of other events being held at the same time.

The committee are voluntary and work hard for all members and as long as all fees are paid promptly, we are often able to subsidise costs which helps everyone.

REGULAR EVENTS

Various events have been held during the quarter at the RAFA Club, including quizzes, discos, dances etc.
Contact Ron or Celia for details of the events.

There have been regular Sunday lunches at various venues throughout the quarter. Current favourite seems to be the Carriers Arms, South Marston where 6-7 members regularly meet for Sunday lunch - nice meal - good value - great company and it saves cooking!! Why not come along one Sunday? Contact Celia to book.

Often members have attended regular live music events held at Morris Street Club, Rodbourne. And also the Haydon Club, which is always popular and most Fridays and Saturdays there will most likely be someone going.

KENNETT VALE HASHES

Several members attend and are held at different venues within a 20 miles radius of Swindon on alternate Sundays.

You can either run (about 6-7 miles) or walk gently and natter (about 3-4 miles). The hashes start and end at the same pub where you can have a drink and/or Sunday lunch if you want.

Web site <http://kvh3.co.uk/>

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Organised an event?

We would like to be able to include it in the Square 1 Newsletter.

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