



Square 1 Newsletter

Issue 46 - 2nd Quarter 2018

Welcome to our 2nd newsletter of 2018
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](#)

Rock and Roll Bingo Shield and Dagger Thursday 5 April 2018

Dennis writes:

Several members of the club attended a charity Rock and Roll Bingo on behalf of the NSPCC, organised as usual by Linda. It was an enjoyable evening.

The most popular songs which everyone knew were ABBA and Neil Diamond.

In the raffle there was an unusual item - a Japanese dress - which Karen won for her daughter.

The buffet was excellent and Linda was pleased with the amount of money raised.

Lunch Kingsdown Sunday 8 April 2018

Dennis writes:
11 members attended. There was a choice of meal portions and the food was enjoyed by everyone although it was agreed that to eat the pork it was better to use a steak knife. Some had coffee afterwards. A thoroughly enjoyable meal with great company.

Thank you Brenda for organising this lunch.

Arts Centre "The Accrington Pals" Saturday 28 April 2018

Dennis writes:

6 members of the club went to watch a play called "The Accrington Pals".

The play was about the First World War when infantry battalions were raised as 'pal's battalions' as the men all came from the same village or town.

The play clearly was about the people back home and how little official news there was telling them about the war.

None of the Accrington pals came home from the war and this left a whole village full of widows.

A sad but true play of the First World War.

Lunch Shield and Dagger 22 April 2018

Dennis writes:

A large number of club members descended on the Pub. It was to be the last lunch in the pub before the builders were to start refurbishing the place. Alas, all changed: the refurbishment is now delayed.

The meal, as usual, was very good and all the members enjoyed it.

As I write, there is no start date for the work. It's my opinion but to rip out the kitchen so no cooked food can be served is a really bad move as the Sunday lunches are very popular.



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Lunch
Shield and Dagger
13 May 2018

Dennis writes:

14 members of the club enjoyed a really good meal.
I am told that after refurbishment they will not be serving meals but is to be a Sports Bar.

Race Night
Swindon County Ground
Tuesday 15 May 2018

Chris writes:

A brilliant night. 8 of us from Square1 attended - Brian had a win, Dennis had two wins and Linda won a raffle prize.
The whole night was supported by about 120 people.

This is Mental Health week, so the money raised will go towards extending the kitchen (to be able to offer more training) at The Olive Tree which is a fantastic café in Manor Garden Centre where all food is made to order. Wonderful people, lots of hours given by charity workers and supporting TWIGS. Two of our lovely club members already offer their time in support.

Go and try out their lovely food and meet their wonderful staff.

Update: £2000 was raised at the races. New crockery and equipment already bought. (If you're interested in volunteering please go to the café and pick up a form).

Thank you Chris for organising this great event.

Race Night
Swindon County Ground
Tuesday 15 May 2018

Dennis writes:

The Charity event was held in the Football Club Lounge. (On the walls are photographs of Swindon Town in their past glory days - how times have changed in the world of football).

The evening was to raise money for The Olive Tree Café which supports people with mental incapacity.

There were 8 races. The commentary just said the horse numbers which was a shame as they had such lovely names as 'Road to Glory', 'Patience' and 'Leap of Faith'.

Angie and Linda won raffle prizes. I will admit that I won 2 races but did not need an armoured truck to take my winnings home.

There was quite a bit of vocal encouragement for a certain horse to win which added to the fun.

A well-attended evening for a good cause.

Disco RAFA Club
Saturday 26 May 2018

Dennis writes:

It is believed that disco dancing is good for the heart, so 8 club members had a very healthy evening. The in house disco played music to both sing and dance too.

Thank you Linda for organising the evening.



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Farewell Lunch
Shield and Dagger
Sunday 27 May 2018

Dennis writes:

10 members enjoyed, as always, an excellent meal however this time we were offered a bonus – a dessert at a special price. It would have been churlish to decline.

Afterwards some retired to Swindon Town Gardens to listen to The Big Brunch Band who were playing in the Grandstand.

Thank you Celia for organising.

Farringdon Treasure Hunt
Bank Holiday Monday
28 May 2018

Dennis writes:

9 of us assembled for the start in Gloucester Street Car Park. We had 20 clues to solve by checking them against an anagram name on a 'Treasure map'.

The route took us to Farringdon Folly which was interesting, but it's a long hard walk up the hill.

Farringdon has many historic buildings such as Farringdon House, The Coach Inn and the Bell Hotel which still survive in their original state to this day.

We had problems in the Graveyard, trying to find a deceased name on a grave stone but eventually we solved all the clues.

We retired to the College Farm at Shrivenham for a well-earned lunch. A really great Treasure Hunt day.

Many thanks to Jo for organising this event.

The White Hart Stratton
Sunday 3 June 2018

Sylvia writes:

12 members enjoyed the roast lunch – clean plates all around.

Thanks Sylvia for organising.

The White Hart, Stratton
Sunday 10 June 2018

Sylvia writes:

Back again with 5 members enjoying a lovely lunch prior to going to the cinema where we saw and thoroughly enjoyed watching "Book Club".

Thanks Sylvia for organising.

The Hart in Hand, Blunsdon
Sunday 24 June 2018

Editor writes:

The pub was packed with football supporters watching the World Cup game on the big screen between England and Panama. (Just in case you missed it England won 6-1).

Needless to say it was a bit of a tackle getting through the supporters to get to the bar and toilets (and a bit noisy).

Whilst it was a very hot day it didn't deter 11 members enjoying the Sunday roast. Two courses for £9.95 exceptionally good value and good too.

Many thanks to Brenda for organising.



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Summer Dance

Wrag Barn

Saturday 30 June 2018

Editor writes:

The venue at Wrag Barn ticks all the boxes which is why we return time after time. We have researched other venues but have yet to find anywhere that can match it.

We are able to enjoy a lovely, spacious, exclusive room with access to the balcony which was a welcome relief from the heat of the day (we are still currently having a heatwave).

We are permitted our choice of music: disco, group or individual artist.

We are offered a choice of dining: buffet or table service.

Given the above choices we are able to tailor the evening to best suit our needs and we did.

The music was excellent (and he has been booked again).
The food was excellent.
The staff and waiters did an excellent job too.

We had lots of raffle prizes so a thank you to those members who donated them.

There is a tremendous amount of background work done in the organising of such an event.

**A big THANK YOU to Sylvia
And an even bigger THANK YOU to Jo**

Without your efforts we would not have had such a great evening.

Thanks to the following reporters:

**Dennis Wood
Sylvia Kendall
Chris Mullins**

Like to see **YOUR NAME** above?
just write a few lines about an event that you have attended and send to me.

Dennis writes:

ONE TRAVELLER is a holiday company which caters for the mature single traveller who wants to holiday with other like-minded people.

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SUNDAY LUNCHES

Most Sundays we meet at various venues throughout the quarter.

We often need to book so:

Check the Diary to see which pub
Add your name to the list
Or contact the Committee member

Current favourite seems to be:

The Carriers Arms, South Marston

The Village Inn, Liddington

The Saracens Head, Highworth

The White Hart, Stratton

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.

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.

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.

Organised an event?

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

Please email a few lines to:
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