



# Square 1 Newsletter

Issue 40 - 4th Quarter 2016

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**Welcome to our 4th 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](#)

The Taj Mahal, West Swindon

Saturday 1 October 2016

13 members met for dinner at the Indian Restaurant at Shaw Ridge.

It was a delicious meal – when it finally arrived. Sadly the service was not good as it was very slow. Despite this, we had an enjoyable evening.

Thanks Sylvia for organising.

Dennis writes: The table was booked for 7.30pm but we were not served until 9.00pm. The lateness was explained that the restaurant was very busy that night.

It was observed that they had a 'take away' service and it appeared that this service had a priority over the restaurant guests. A point to remember should we book again.

The food when it did arrive was excellent, but by this time most members were not only hungry but also a little frustrated at the wait. However an excellent evening by all accounts, apart from the delay.

Thank you Dennis for your comments.

Barn Dance, The Ridgeway School,  
Wroughton

Saturday 8 October 2016

The school hall was packed and Square 1 members numbered around 17. Hard to tell the exact number as it was only during the interval did we all actually sit down (but then again some went to the bar or toilets so maybe we weren't all sat down at all!).

Didn't matter if you were a girl dancing as a boy or a girl being the girl (as long as you remembered what you were) we danced and danced. Just as well that most of us were on the soft drinks because the dances got more complicated as the evening wore on and you needed your wits about you to follow the sequences.

What a great night and hopefully lots of money was made for the Prospect Hospice.

Thanks to Chris for organising the tickets.

Square 1 Walk Moulden Hill, North Swindon  
Sunday 9 October 2016

4 of us met at Moulden Hill for a Sunday stroll in the park in the sunshine. It was sunny when we started, but before long the heavens opened and we were forced to abandon the walk.

We had a table booked for 6 at the Tawny Owl pub just across the duel carriage. A lovely setting and a really nice Sunday roast.

Thanks to Jo for organising the event.



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## The Russian State Ballet, Wyvern Theatre Tue 25 October 2016

3 Square 1 members joined the packed theatre audience for an evening of ballet and classical music. The ballet was Swan Lake and the music by Tchaikovsky. Maybe ballet is like Marmite you either love it or hate it? I loved it.

Thank you Nickie for purchasing the tickets on our behalf.

## Sylvia's Quiz

Saturday 29 October 2016

It's always a very popular event this one. Sometimes we are packed like sardines into Sylvia's lounge and dining room but it doesn't deter from the enjoyment of an evening of light-hearted questions and picture questions. The buffet is always delicious with enough for seconds too.

There were medals, trophy cups, novelties and chocolate for the winners (and losers too).

Thank you Sylvia for allowing us into your home and thank you to the Committee for providing an amazing buffet.

## The Village Inn at Liddington

Sunday 30 October 2016

4 of us arrived at the appointed time of 1pm for lunch. Dennis took a wrong turn out of Swindon and joined us a little later! The pub was packed yet we didn't have to wait long and the quality of our roasts was excellent.

We have been before but the pub is under new management.

It's a really lovely pub with great food. One that we will visit again and again and again.

## Square 1 Walk Nationwide circuit, Swindon

Sunday 6 November 2016

Jo writes:

On a bright sunny Sunday in November, our walkers setting out from Nationwide, comprised of four big kids enjoying the fallen leaves and trying to identify all the trees we encountered from their leaves and nuts. We weren't very successful. The squirrels were very busy collecting nuts - I'm sure they knew which was which. We visited the Wish Hounds sculpture, where a scrap metal structure depicts three dogs which are supposed to be the guardians of the earth.

We then adjourned to The Bayberry pub to join other Sq1 members for lunch.

Thank you Jo for organising the walk.

## Horse Racing

Saturday 12 November 2016

Sylvia writes: 5 members enjoyed a night at the horses - a charity race night in aid of the Prospect Hospice.

It was good fun and an excellent Ploughman's supper was included

Thanks Chris for getting the tickets.

## The Village Inn at Liddington

Sunday 13 November 2016

Sylvia writes: 14 members plus 2 well behaved grandchildren enjoyed an excellent lunch.

A little birdie told us it was Dennis's birthday so at Celia's suggestion we bought him a card -we sang Happy Birthday to him and gave him the card which everyone managed to sign without him seeing!!

Many thanks Sylvia for organising (I said that we will visit again and again - Sunday 11 December 2016 has already been booked for another visit)



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Rock n Roll Bingo  
Shield and Dagger

Thursday 24 November 2016

Listen to the snippet of music (if you don't know the song or artist Linda will help you) and you cross them off your bingo card. Sweetie prizes for one line, two lines and a bottle (I think - I never got that far) for a full house. Lovely buffet included in the ticket price and proceeds to the NSPCC.

Thank you Linda for hosting a great fun evening.

Sun, Lydiard Millicent

Sunday 27 November 2016

A select gathering of 4 enjoyed a delicious Sunday roast.

The Runner, Wootton Bassett Road  
Sunday 4 December 2016

Thank you Nicki for organising the lunch.

Club Night - Quiz

Wednesday 7 December 2016

Wednesday club nights are always a good evening for meeting with other members and seeing what new events are being advertised on the notice boards. (Not everyone has email).

Tonight we had the bonus of Nicki and Brenda's quiz which most members took part. It was great fun, with lots of chocolate prizes.

Thank you ladies for hosting this event.

Nutcracker Ballet, Greenbridge Cinema  
Thursday 8 December 2016

We watched a live performance of the ballet beamed from London around the world (stopping off at the Greenbridge Cinema).

I like to watch ballet at the theatre so watching it on the big screen would be different. Just as good?? Yes it was just as good and in some ways better as the camera panned in to view their costumes in detail. Just as good, in that we actually forgot that we were in the cinema and clapped!!

Thank you Linda for organising such a lovely evening.

Christmas Dance at Wrag Barn  
Saturday 10 December 2016

Wrag Barn is definitely a firm favourite of venues when it comes to our dances.

We have sole use of the room, our choice of music or musicians and our choice of food. The staff are always courteous and helpful.

As in previous years, ticket prices were heavily subsidised by the club and this year also included a free drink on arrival.

A venue will never be able to deliver 100% satisfaction to all and we acknowledge that there was a bit of a hic up food wise. Should we return (and I hope that we do) we are advised that it shouldn't happen again.

Thank you those who contributed gifts to the raffle - it was a huge success. We were able to donate £200 to the RNLI.

It's a big task organising this event and a big clap to the Committee for such an enjoyable evening. Yeah.



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The Village Inn at Liddington  
Sunday 11 December 2016  
Thank you Sylvia for organising.

The Toby Carvery, North Swindon  
Saturday 17 December 2016  
£13.49 for a festive 3 course dinner was always going to be popular and it was.

Square 1 members filled the side room at the Toby.  
Good, plentiful food, good company AND crackers.... What's not to like?

Gathering the money in advance is no easy task, so thank you Celia, it was much appreciated.

Club Night - mince pies  
21 December 2016  
It was the last club night before Christmas and we celebrated with mince pies, savouries and other Christmassy food.

Thanks to those who contributed such lovely offerings for all to share.

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  
China & Tibet  
Nepal  
India  
Burma  
Thailand & Laos

She is spending Christmas in Vietnam.

You can follow her blogs by visiting:  
[www.mytb.org/FlissGapYear](http://www.mytb.org/FlissGapYear)

## **Thanks to the following reporters:**

**Sylvia Kendall**  
**Jo Noblin**  
**Brenda Bruch**  
**Celia Ford**  
**Linda Jones**  
**Nicki Sheppard**  
**Dennis Wood**



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## 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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