



Square 1 Newsletter

Issue 41 - 1st Quarter 2017

**Welcome to our 1st newsletter of 2017
with Carole as 'Editor in chief'**

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

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and also on Facebook at **Square One – Swindon**

The Runner, Wootton Bassett Road
Sunday 15 Jan 2017

Nicki writes:

12 of us had a very enjoyable Sunday lunch. This was our second visit in the last couple of months and proved the food to be excellent yet again. We all had a roast which was accompanied by a substantial amount of fresh vegetable and jugs of gravy. Service very fast, food very good and cost a reasonable £9.50. A couple of people made room for dessert, which we were told was very good (it did look great).

Thanks Nicki for organising the lunch.

Skittles The Woodshaw, Wootton Bassett
Saturday 21 January 2017

Sylvia writes:

We had 39 members at the Skittles evening-food and company great as usual - the winners Spike - with 20 for the men, Sue L with 22 for the ladies were each presented with a bottle of wine and Jack D who managed to score the lowest score overall with an impressive 6 won the consolation bag of Skittles – again.

Many thanks to Celia, Val and Mike for all their hard work during the evening.

Thanks to Sylvia for organising this popular event.

Shield & Dagger Sunday Lunch
22 January 2017

Sylvia writes:

We were 9 then 10 then 9 and finally we were 12!! - No NOT our ages but members who went to the Shield & Dagger for their Sunday lunch. We all thoroughly enjoyed our meal - the empty plates said it all - we all said we will be back sooner rather than later.

Thanks Sylvia for organising.

ARTS CENTRE

Saturday 28 Jan 2017

Sylvia writes:

In total there were 8 Club members at the Arts Centre to watch "Cats Cradle" with the Phoenix Players. It was a good well-acted play with a good twist at the end.

Many thanks to Sylvia for organising.

Bakers Arms, Kingsdown

Sunday 29 Jan 2017

A new pub to me, cannot say that I have noticed it as I've driven along the road. I had to look at Street Maps to see where it was. I must pay more attention in future.

We numbered 10 and sat cosily on 2 tables. Even though the pub was packed we didn't have to wait long to be served. Very little difference between the small and large portions, apart from the price, as both seemed large. Next time I'll order small.

Good food, good company and puddings as well.

Thanks Nicki for making the arrangements.

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The Saracens, Highworth
Sunday 5 February, 2017

It's been awhile since we have been here and I don't know why. It delivered the lot: good atmosphere, good roasts and bowls of fresh vegetable, puddings with real cream (none of that aerosol stuff) and a quick, friendly service.

£10.95 for two courses - ideal.

Thank you Sylvia for booking the table.

Shield and Dagger Sunday Lunch
19 Feb 2017

It must have been Sylvia's great review last month that 21 Square 1 members descended on the pub for lunch (err we did book ahead).

Good food at a great price, only downside being that the pub was packed and we had to wait a bit for food, but to be expected.

Carriers Arms, South Marston

A regular lunchtime venue.
Good food and good prices.
We will return.

The Village Inn, Liddington

A regular lunchtime venue which we have visited a couple of times in the last few months.
We will return.

WARNERS Leisure Break, Littlecote

Fri 24 Feb - Mon 27 Feb 2017

Wicked weekend

Awesome house and gardens

Relaxing in the Spa

Non-stop stuff either to do or not to do

Excellent bedrooms

Rave it up on the dance floor

Sumptuous food

We showed them how to do it with our Dancing Queens and Kings: Celia, Ann, John and Brian and our very own Disco Diva Sue. The rest of us: Dennis, Sylvia, Jo, Edna, Carole and Carole need to try harder next time!

Most of the club members stayed on site for the weekend but Sylvia, Jo and Carole went to view the snowdrops at Welford Park. A truly delightful display all for the OAP rate £5.

A huge **THANK YOU to Jo** who masterminded the weekend.

Not an easy task and very much appreciated.

The Sleeping Beauty Ballet
Empire Cinema, Greenbridge

28 Feb 2017

Linda writes: A group of us went to see the ballet streamed live from the Royal Opera House. It was beautiful and although we are not seeing the performance exactly in the flesh, we had the added bonus of close ups of the performers and costumes, which were fabulous. We also had Ore Oduba and Darcy Bussell speaking to the principle dancers, director, costume designer and others which was great. Apparently, their ballet shoes cost £39 a pair, last a couple of weeks and the Company get through hundreds each year. I'm looking forward to the next ballet.

Thank you Linda for orchestrating the event.



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Speed Talk

Wed 8 March 2017

Something a little bit different.

20 club members sat opposite each other and 'talked' to their opposite number (using a list of questions as a guide). After each had 'talked' everyone moved along 2 places. They were now sat opposite someone new and they 'talked' again.

Everyone does like to sit in a particular seat and talk only to particular friends. The object of the exercise was to encourage members to talk to others that they would not normally speak to.

It lasted only 15 minutes (and was incredibly noisy) and then the normal club night was resumed.

Members were a little unsure at the start. However, it was encouraging to be thanked at the end and told yes the exercise had worked.

Chinese Restaurant

Saturday 11 March 2017

It was packed, not surprising for a Saturday night, but we 4 managed to find a reasonably quiet table.

All you can eat buffet is ok but it's too easy to eat all you can!

A slick service with your empty plates whisked away quickly enabling you to go back for more, a good selection at a good price.

Saturday 18 March 2017

Sylvia writes: She, Kathy and 3 others thoroughly enjoyed the really funny comedy by The Western Players "Don't dress for Dinner" Several other members went to the IMAX Cinema at Greenbridge to see "Beauty and the Beast" which I hear was brilliant - thanks Val for organising this.

Bakers Arms

Sunday 19 March 2017

Sylvia writes:

Lunch was to be at the Kingsdown but they had the decorators in - not ideal for eating! So 8 members went to the Bakers Arms instead and enjoyed a very good Sunday Lunch.

Many thanks to Linda and Val for organising this event.

Sylvia's Quiz

Saturday 30 March 2017

One of the most popular events listed in the diary.

There is always a huge turnout. Members eager to pit their wits against each other to win the coveted prizes of a gold medal or silver plastic cup, pencil, notebook and sweeties.

The Committee provide a banquet and members contribute a fiver towards the cost. Surplus money is donated to charity.

As expected and not to disappoint Sylvia produces an eclectic mix of questions, dingbats and picture quizzes.

Hugely enjoyable evening and thank you Sylvia for hosting the event (and allowing us into your home - we did put the furniture back although perhaps not quite where you wanted it).



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Felicity Chapple

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

Felicity left England on 17 July 2016 and completed her epic adventure 18 February 2017.

Her passport must be full to bursting with the stamps from the following countries that she passed through:

Europe

Turkey/Georgia & Armenia

Azerbaijan/Iran/Turkmenistan/Uzbekistan

Tajikistan/Kyrgyzstan/Kazakhstan

China & Tibet

Nepal

India

Burma

Thailand & Laos

Vietnam/Cambodia

Malaysia and Singapore

Indonesia

Australia

Whilst the adventure may be over, she has decided to spend a few weeks in New Zealand.

Well why not; it's only around the corner from Australia.

She will be home (if she can remember where home is) for Easter.

Thanks to the following reporters:

Sylvia Kendall

Linda Jones

Nicki Sheppard



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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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