



Square 1 Newsletter

Issue 42 - 2nd Quarter 2017

**Welcome to our 2nd newsletter of 2017
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**

Wyvern Theatre

Friday 24 March 2017

Dennis writes:

It was a Friday evening when 10 members of the club went to listen to blues singer Elkie Brooks with her accompanying band. Even at 72 years old she still has a great voice and could still hit the high notes of old favourites like "Pearls a Singer".

It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Thanks Brenda for organising this theatre visit.

The Runner, Wootton Bassett Road

Sunday 9 April 2017

Dennis writes:

14 members sat down to choose between pork, beef or chicken for lunch. Puddings had to be ordered at bar. It was an enjoyable meal and the empty plates confirmed it. After some members went to the cinema, whilst I went for a walk along the canal. Thanks Brenda for organising this event.

Note: The pub is not taking any lunch booking for the rest of the year. It's a case of first come first served.

Film Night

Saturday 15 April 2017

Sylvia writes:

Three members went to see "Going in Style" the brilliant Morgan Freeman/Michael Caine film, which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

Several other members went to see "Beauty and the Beast".

Badbury Clump

Easter Monday 17 April 2017

Walk and picnic

Sylvia writes:

The sun shone on the 13 club members who walked round Badbury Clump near Highworth. The Bluebells were in flower and a joy to see.

Thanks to Sylvia for organising the walk and allowing us to picnic at your house afterwards.

The Bakers Arms, Stratton

Sunday 30 April 2017

Dennis writes:

The pub offered small or large Carvery portions and a choice of beef, lamb shank or chicken. Puddings were an optional extra.

I chose the small Carvery at £5.50 and found that the beef melted in the mouth. I understand the other 11 members were equally delighted with their choices.

Jan was surprised with a birthday cake decoration with one candle.

Thank you Nicki for making this booking.



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Stanton House Hotel and Park
Bank Holiday Monday 1 May 2017

I counted 17 of us as we sat down for afternoon tea. Not sure I counted 17 on the walk around the lake prior to tea though!

It was a lovely afternoon and the cream tea was seen as the reward for the walk (only those of us who did it mind). Great value (if you shared) but great value even if you didn't.

Thanks to Sylvia for booking this event.

RAFA Club
Saturday 6 May 2017

Sylvia writes:

This was to be a Charity Quiz that several members attended. Sadly, for various reasons the quiz couldn't be for charity but was just a fun quiz and we all enjoyed the fish and chip supper.

RAFA Club
Saturday 13 May 2017

Sylvia writes:

Several members went to listen to the Saga Louts and had a very enjoyable evening.

Thank you Celia for organising this event.

Arts Centre
Sunday 14 May 2017

Sylvia writes:

Ten members went to listen to the Swing Birds an all-female big band who were brilliant. I cannot believe that they only get together once a year for this event.

Thank you Linda for organising this event.

Stanton House Hotel and Park
Bank Holiday Monday 29 May 2017

This proved a popular event last Bank Holiday so we thought we would go back again this Bank Holiday.

Weather wasn't so good this time but we managed to avoid the showers (well almost) as we ambled around the lake.

Six sat down for the cream tea (others sat in the Conservatory) and whilst it was good we weren't allowed to 'share' a tea between two (this time).

Thanks Sylvia for organising this event.

The Woodshaw, Wootton Bassett
Saturday 3 June 2017

It was another successful skittles evening. It was even more successful in that a lot of members couldn't attend.

I'll rephrase that.

What I mean is - normally 40 attend and being a small room it's quite a crush fitting us all in.

We have decided in future to limit the numbers to around 30.

Back to the game - bottles of wine for the skittle King Jack and skittle Queen Maureen. The 'must try harder' bag of skittles sweeties awarded to Albert.

Thank you Sylvia for booking this event.



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Wyvern Theatre

Saturday 10 June 2017

Sylvia writes:

Eighteen club members went to listen (and dance in their seats) to the show "That will be the Day". It's one of our favourite acts celebrating the 60's era.

We all enjoyed the music - the Mick Jagger "take-off" was brilliant but hard to follow for those who don't hear so well (me).

Thank you Nicki for organising this event at such short notice.

Highworth Murder Mystery

Sunday 11 June 2017

Something a bit different: - a walking whodunit in the centre of Highworth.

22 would be Miss Marple/Hercule Poirot, sought to identify the murderer using written and visual clues.

A bit of cheating going on (actually a lot of cheating going on) but we all managed to solve the mystery even if we didn't know why it was who it was.

Lunch followed at The Saracens pub. Good food, a good price and plenty of it (unfortunate that it arrived at our tables in dribs and drabs).

Huge thanks to Ron who researched and organised this event.

Arts Centre

Friday 16 June 2017

Amateur Dramatic productions are always a popular choice for Square 1 members. It was a particularly hot evening but that did not deter 7 of us thoroughly enjoying "A Murder Weapon" performed by the Western Players.

Thank you Sylvia for booking the tickets.

Wrag Barn

Friday 30 June 2017

Summer Dance

Sylvia writes:

It was a lovely summer evening and 52 club members enjoyed an excellent dinner followed by some great dancing to the singing and music provided by Jason Lee (who stepped in at the last minute when our usual singer/DJ was taken ill).

We raised £170.00 in our raffle which will be donated to the Swindon Rescue Centre. Thank you everyone who donated the prizes.

It is not an easy task organising such an event.

So a huge thanks to Jo who organised the whole evening.



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Thanks to the following reporters:

Dennis Wood
Sylvia Kendall

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

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
Shield and Dagger (19 booked on 14 May)!!
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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