



Square 1 Newsletter

Issue 44 - 4th Quarter 2017

**Welcome to our 4th 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](#)

LULU Wyvern Theatre, Swindon

Wednesday 4 October 2017

Sylvia writes:

Although the music was too loud and the 2nd half was better than the 1st half, the 9 members plus 1 non-member who went to the Wyvern to see LULU enjoyed the show.

Thanks Nicki for getting the tickets

Barn Dance

Ridgeway School, Wroughton

Saturday 7 October 2017

Dennis writes:

More than 20 Square 1 members attended the Barn Dance the proceeds were donated to Prospect.

It was a thorough enjoyable evening.

The dances were confusing at times as people forgot the steps, but that only added to the fun and not something to be taken seriously.

Thank you Chris for obtaining our tickets.

Farringdon Walking Treasure Hunt

Sunday 8 October 2017

It was a beautiful sunny morning and an ideal one for a walking treasure hunt. So it was a bit disappointing that so few Square 1 members turned up for this event.

It was a difficult one and not everyone (me included) was able to finish it.

We gathered at the end for a Sunday roast in one of the many Farringdon pubs.

Huge thanks to Jo who organised this event.

Warners Weekend

Holme Lacey, Herefordshire

Fri 13 Oct – Mon 16 Oct 2017

It may have been Friday 13th but that did not deter 17 Square 1 members from visiting the beautiful stately home at Holme Lacey, managed by Warners, in Herefordshire for a long weekend break.

Some of us (me included) had been before so this return visit did not disappoint.

The bedrooms were beautifully appointed (well at least mine was, with a double bed too!) and spacious.

As with all Warner Breaks there are various activities on offer throughout the day and evening to participate in if you wished to. These included:

Archery, rifle shooting, quizzes, dance classes and a spa pool with sauna and steam room. Some members did and some didn't.

We all enjoyed the various evenings' entertainment, the weekend star turn being a group QueenB who not surprisingly played and sang Queen music.

A short mention about the food: wonderful. I will say no more.

We have a Pitch n Put Queen Helen who scored a Hole in One, witnessed by her fellow golfers and other guests who happened to be watching the game. Cheers all around. Well done Helen.

It's was a huge task organising this event, so many many thanks go to Jo.



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Magic of Motown

Wyvern Theatre, Swindon

Sunday 29 October 2017

Dennis writes:

An evening at the wyvern theatre with 10 members of the square1 Club, or to put it another way, 1 man with 9 ladies attending the show "magic of motown".

Motown was founded by Barry Gordy in the 60's to promote black music and many black groups like The Supremes and The Temptations are still performing to this day. The original motown recording building is now a museum in Detroit.

It was a fast moving show; the choreography was just as entertaining as the singing. The show thrived on audience participation with plenty of clapping, some people dancing and standing whilst singing along to the music.

I and most of the audience knew all the words to most of the songs.

One song "Ben" stands out by the group Jackson 5, where the audience were asked to switch on their mobile phone lights. That was quite a sight.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening; which ended with the entire audience standing up, singing to the music.

Thanks Nicky for organising a memorable evening.

Fireworks Highworth

Friday 3 November 2017

5 members watched a brilliant firework display. Fish and chips were then purchased and taken back to Sylvia's to eat.

Many thanks Sylvia for organising.

Skittles at The Woodshaw

Saturday 4 November 2017

Sylvia writes:

As always, this was a fun evening enjoyed by 25 club members, where the food was as delicious as ever too.

Prizes (wine for the highest scorers) were won by Linda J and Spike.

Val Carter was delighted with her bag of Skittles for being the lowest overall scorer but we won't reveal what her score actually was in case she gets embarrassed by it!!

Many thanks Jo for keeping the scores and Sylvia for organising the evening.

Lunch at Village Inn, Liddington

Sunday 5 November 2017

Sylvia writes:

Brenda organised lunch this week and 6 of us enjoyed a great Carvery at the Village Inn, Liddington.

Many thanks Brenda for organising

Arts Centre, Swindon

Friday 10 November 2017

Sylvia writes:

11 members went to the Arts Centre and thoroughly enjoyed the Western Players production of the Venetian Twins - My how hard they worked.

Thanks Sylvia for getting the tickets



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Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
Wyvern Theatre, Swindon
Saturday 11 November 2017

Wot a kultured lott wee r @ Sclare won

20 members (including me) splashed out £30.50 to listen to an evening of classical music performed by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

We may not have recognised all the pieces but this did not deter from being a fabulous evening.

Sylvia writes:

We were a large group of members lost in the music of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra.

I didn't realise classical music could be so soothing.

Thank you Nicki for obtaining our tickets.

Shield and Dagger

Swindon

Sun day 12 November 2017

Sylvia writes:

15 members enjoyed a great lunch at the Shield & dagger.

Afterwards we went to the cinema to watch the brilliantly funny Paddington2.

Then it was home for a well-earned rest!!

Thanks Linda and Val for organising

Brrrrrrr Birmingham Christmas Market

Saturday 25 November 2017

It must have been the coldest Saturday of the year that 20+ Square1 members joined Barnes Coaches for a day trip to Birmingham.

It was billed as a Christmas Market visit but as the real shops were within easy reach of the market it was a choice either or indeed both.

Just a thought but it is amazing how 20+ people on leaving the coach can just disappear into the crowds within minutes – but they did.

It was a good market (dare I say it better than Manchester) with plenty of stalls looking very festive with Christmas decorations and lights.

There were plenty of opportunities to eat, drink and make purchases.

The Bratwurst were delicious and Jo and Sylvia looked equally pleased with the chocolate covered fruit (well who wouldn't?).

The only downside was that it was really cold and I mean cold. I had to purchase a hat and gloves it was that cold!

Many thanks to Jo for organising this event.



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Christmas Dance

Wrag Barn Gold Club, Highworth

Saturday 2 December 2017

We have returned to Wrag Barn for our dances on several occasions.

Why?

The answer is one of several reasons:

- The choice and quality of food has always been good
- have exclusive use of the top floor of the club (in the summer we are able to use the balcony with its wonderful views across the course)
- We are permitted our choice of music either disco, solo artist or band
- The venue is fairly accessible to all
- The price is right (to quote the TV show)

We have in the past, researched many other venues but been unable to find anywhere that can match the whole Wrag Barn package. So we return.....

This year's Christmas Dance did not disappoint. Beautifully decorated tables, quality crackers, excellent food, excellent table services, a free drink on surrendering your entry ticket and a scratch card too!

The band was good but from my personal point of view too loud, but then that's just my thought.

A fabulous selection of prizes for the raffle, so a thank you to those members who donated them.

Organising such an event takes a huge amount of background hard work. So a much bigger thanks to Jo. It was very much appreciated.

Rock n Roll Bingo

Shield and Dagger, Swindon

Thursday 7 December 2017

Dennis writes:

About 20 members attended the above event held to raise funds for the NSPCC.

The Shield and Dagger is well known to Sq1 for their Sunday lunches and of course our Wednesday Club evenings.

It was a great evening thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.

The well-known songs such as Bob the Builders, Patricia the Stripper, All ABBA and Neil Diamond songs were sung with gusto with arm actions thrown in as well.

A wonderful, very noisy, charitable evening.

Well done Linda for organising the event.

Toby Carvery

Saturday 16 December 2017

Sylvia writes:

32 members enjoyed an excellent meal at the Toby Carvery. Some were disappointed with their ice cream but overall everyone enjoyed their meal.

Many thanks to Celia for organising this event again.



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Christmas Club Evening
Shield and Dagger, Swindon
Wednesday 20 December 2017

It was the last club evening before Christmas and many and I mean many members gathered at the Shield and Dagger to wish each other a Happy Christmas.

We had a buffet, tins of sweeties and boxes of mince pies on the tables to enjoy and we tried and I mean tried to answer the questions of the Christmas Quiz.

Thanks you Brenda and Nicki for organising the quiz.

Blenheim House and Christmas Lights
Thursday 21 December 2017

A dozen or so Sq1 members joined the Barnes Coach trip to view Blenheim House and walk the Christmas Lights trail through the grounds.

We had a quick bite to eat in their café before taking a tour around the magnificent house. The highlight of the day for me was walking the woodland trail decorated with Christmassy lights and sounds.

I particularly loved the lights cascading down the hill to music, walking through the hanging lights and the fire cannons by the colour changing waterfall.

Many thanks to Angela Chamberlain for organising this event.

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.

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
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.



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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.

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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