



Square 1 Newsletter

Issue 45 - 1st Quarter 2018

**Welcome to our 1st 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**

Sunday Lunch
The Sun Inn at Coate
7 January 2018

Sylvia writes:

Sadly this first lunch of the year was a disaster for 12 Square 1 members.

A very long wait followed by a very poor meal – tough beef and cold veggies (those who had the pork were lucky).

After complaining we weren't charged for the beef lunches.

Needless to say we won't be rushing back there!!

Thanks to Brenda for organising the lunch – we won't hold it against you Brenda HONEST.

Sunday Lunch
Shield and Dagger
14 January 2018

Editor writes:

This venue is a very popular lunchtime watering hole for not just Square 1 members.

We initially booked 10 lunches but Sylvia advised me that the numbers increased in the end to 17.

Excellent roasts, say no more.

Sunday Lunch
White Hart
21 January 2018

Sylvia writes:

14 members enjoyed a good roast lunch.

Thanks Sylvia for organising.

The Arts Centre
The Lady Killers
27 January 2018

Sylvia writes:

What a good play we saw. 12 members and 2 non-members thoroughly enjoyed the Phoenix Players production.

Many thanks to Sylvia for booking the tickets.

Sunday Lunch
The Saracens Head, Highworth
28 January 2017

Editor writes:

7 of us enjoyed a roast lunch: plenty of meat, gravy, enormous Yorkshire puddings and more vegetables than we could eat.

Thank you Jo for booking the table.

Welford Park - Snowdrops
Sunday 18 February 2018

Sylvia writes:

It was cold but dry thank goodness as 9 members plus 1 non-member wandered around the magnificent display of Snowdrops.

We had lunch first in the 5 Belles in Wickham which although it was very nice it was expensive.

Many thanks Jo/ Sylvia for organising.

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Skittles

Woodshaw @ Royal Wootton Bassett
Saturday 24 February 2018

Sylvia writes:

We had a good turnout for the usual brilliant Skittles evening.

The food was great and everyone had a fun evening.

Mary won the wine for the ladies with a magnificent score of 18 + 2 after a rundown and Spike won for the gents with a score of 17,

Wendy had the booby prize of the bag of Skittles with an amazing score of 3 - hard luck Val I know you wanted that prize!!

Many thanks Sylvia for organising this event.

The Ridgeway School Barn Dance

Saturday 24 March 2018

Editor writes:

A regular twice yearly event which proves to be very popular with both adults and children.

A packed hall (Square 1 members numbers around 20 although hard to tell at any one point as some were dancing and others buying drinks etc) but not too packed that we were unable to have fun and dance. Well we tried to dance but for some, well they had absolutely no idea (still made for the fun bit).

Proceeds from the raffle, pizzas, drinks and snacks all to the Prospect charity.

Thank you Chris for organising our tickets.

Arts Centre

Saturday 10 March 2018

Sylvia writes:

13 members went to the Arts Centre to see the brilliant Bedroom Farce. It was well acted and funny although some voices were harder to hear than others this didn't spoil the play.

Many thanks Sylvia for organising this event.

Steam Railway Museum Household Cavalry Band

Saturday 24 March 2018

Dennis writes:

I and two other Square 1 members Sylvia and Helen attended a concert in the Stream Railway Museum. (Understand that Ron was there too somewhere).

It was a joy to listen to the band and the Swindon Male Voice Choirs rendition of the songs 'the swing' and 'American trilogy'. Military music is not music you can fall asleep listening to as there is a crescendo of sound within every piece of military music. It is believed, honest, that the Gallagher brothers named their band OASIS after the Swindon Leisure Centre.

One joke I remember: If you are given two sticks you are positioned at the back of the band, but if you are given one stick then you are positioned at the front of the band.

Kembrey Inn

Saturday 17 March 2018

Sylvia writes:

We had a good meal at the Kembrey Inn then 6 members went to the Cinema at Greenbridge to see Mary Magdalene. Although it was a long film it was very absorbing. We all enjoyed the evening though driving home in the snow was a bit harrowing!

Many thanks for Sylvia for organising the evening.



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Heart in Hand Pub at Blunsdon
Sunday 25 March 2018

Sylvia writes:

At last we managed to get into the Heart in Hand for a very enjoyable Sunday lunch – apart from some small pieces of beef that were a bit chewy we all enjoyed the food and there were lots of empty plates. Everyone wants a repeat visit.

Editor's Note: obviously a very popular watering hole for a Sunday and the price of two courses for under a tenner ideal.

Thanks once again for Sylvia for organising.

Editor writes:-

How to avoid Christmas

Dennis Wood was taken ill mid December 2017. He spent Christmas and the New Year in the Great Western Hospital and was not let out again until end of January 2018.

I guess that having been waited on hand and foot over those weeks Dennis you will have forgotten how to cook??

We are pleased that you are well again.

Welcome back to Square 1.

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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