



Square 1 Newsletter

Issue 48 - 4th Quarter 2018

**Welcome to our 4th 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**

**Carriers Arms, South Marston
Sunday 7 October 2018**

Dennis writes:

As a large number of club members went for lunch other customers had to eat their Sunday roast in the pub.

This is a popular venue for the club and as usual it was a good quality meal, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We will return again and again.

**Rock and Roll Bingo
Conservative Club
Bath Road, Swindon
Thursday 11 October 2018**

Dennis writes:

About 10 members attended Rock and Roll Bingo Charity evening in aid of the NSPCC. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening with participation by everyone when any ABBA or YMCA songs were played. Hand actions to match too.

Linda was presented with an award from the NSPCC for her fundraising efforts over the years.

Well done to Linda for organising a great evening.

**Il Capricomo Italian Restaurant, Swindon
Saturday 13 October 2018**

Dennis writes:

9 members of the club went to the restaurant for dinner. 1 male (me) and 8 females – can't be bad.

The menu was in Italian and whilst some members could pronounce the Italian words others like me just pointed to the dish on the menu.

The dinners were served with typical Italian waiter comments. I will leave that to your imagination.

A most enjoyable Saturday evening: of good food and good company.

Thank you Brenda for organising this dinner.

**Il Capricomo Italian Restaurant, Swindon
Saturday 13 October 2018**

Sylvia writes:

The numbers varied from day to day but in the end 9 members thoroughly enjoyed our Italian meal in Old Town – haven't been there for many years and it was just as good as I remembered.

Thank you Brenda for organising.



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New Calley Arms, Wanborough **Sunday 14 October 2018**

Dennis writes:

18 club members went to this pub for lunch. The food was good with the vegetables served in separate tureens.

I think that everyone enjoyed the food.

We were such a large number; it was a bit cramped in the dining room. The service was ok but conditions made it difficult for the staff to serve and one of our members assisted the bar staff by collecting the empty plates.

There was some confusion at the end as to who had paid and who hadn't - but hopefully all was sorted.

An enjoyable lunch with good company.

Well done Terry for organising this event.

New Calley Arms, Wanborough **Sunday 14 October 2018**

Editor writes:

It was a really good turnout of 18 Square1 members for this Sunday lunch.

The dining room wasn't big and we were a bit squashed in, which meant some had to 'move' to allow the bar staff to attend on the tables.

I cannot speak for the others but my beef was melt in the mouth served on a beautifully garnished plate. We enjoyed Yorkshire puddings the size of tea plates, extra gravy and lovely fresh vegetables.

Terry had negotiated with the pub that the lunches would be £10 and not the usual £13 each.

A big thank you Terry it was appreciated.

The venue: a yes from me and I will return.

New Calley Arms, Wanborough **Sunday 14 October 2018**

Sylvia writes:

Despite being a bit squashed and a small mix-up with paying, 18 members enjoyed a very tasty Sunday lunch at the New Calley Arms in Wanborough.

A new venue for us hardy Sunday lunchers!

Well done Terry for organising.

Wyvern Theatre, Swindon **SALOS Oklahoma** **Saturday 20 October 2018**

Sylvia writes:

10 members enjoyed the production of Oklahoma. It was an entertaining show with some great singers.

Many thanks Nicki for getting the tickets.

Southbrook Inn **Sunday 21 October 2018**

Sylvia writes:

Despite a slight 'hiccup' with the booking - apparently we were written down in the wrong diary"". Sunday lunch at the Southbrook Inn was very good - clean plates all around.

Editor writes: the puddings looked scrumptious... but I resisted..... and felt very virtuous.

Thanks you Linda for organising.



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Southbrook Inn **Sunday 21 October 2018**

Dennis writes:

8 members sat down to the Sunday carvery lunch. A well cooked meal, efficient service and with plenty of car parking spaces available.

We will no doubt be back again in the future.

Village Inn, Liddington **Friday 26 October 2018**

Sylvia writes:

It was good old fashioned British comfort food night at the Village Inn.

For just £10 we helped ourselves to Beef Stew, Venison Pie, Wild Boar and Apple Sausages or Venison Sausages, followed by Treacle Tart or Apple and Cinnamon Crumble. What a feast for the 9 club members. Dinner was then followed by live music

Many thanks Celia for organising this event.

Saracen's Head, Highworth **Sunday 28 October 2018**

Sylvia writes:

11 members enjoyed a great Sunday lunch – the service was quick with only a few members unable to finish a delicious meal. One member commented that it was the best Sunday lunch he'd had in a long time.

Thanks Sylvia for organising.

Saracen's Head, Highworth **Sunday 28 October 2018**

Dennis writes:

A change to the usual pub venues in Swindon 11 of us ventured into the village of Highworth, a few miles outside of town. The pub was full of other people all with the same idea of enjoying a carvery.

We had a choice of beef, chicken or ham with the vegetable served separately. It was well cooked and some enjoyed a pudding afterwards.

It was a good lunch which made the journey worthwhile.

Empire Cinema **Tuesday 30 October 2018**

Dennis writes:

Cinema ticket prices are lower than normal so it is referred to as Cheap Tuesday. 7 Sq1 members went to see the film Bohemian Rhapsody, which tells of the story of Freddy Mercury from the band Queen.

What stood out for me was Freddy was every inch the flamboyant showman where the other 3 members of the group were ordinary family men with kids. The band was Freddie's family and such a tragedy that his life was cut short by AIDS.

A great film to watch as all Queens' songs were sang.

Thanks Pat for organising the tickets.



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Empire Cinema

Tuesday 6 November 2018

Dennis writes:

6 Sq1 members went to the cinema to see the Disney Film the Nutcracker. Its pure fantasy with the settings was out of this world in design and colour. It was a typical Disney storyline with good versus evil and worth seeing for the scenery alone.

Thanks Wendy for organising the tickets.

Wyvern Theatre, Swindon

Saturday 10 November 2018

Sylvia writes:

We so looked forward to the "That'll be the Day" shows but sadly we were all disappointed with their Christmas show. It didn't have any of their usual good music/fun items and it was basically their version of a panto.

We look forward to seeing if their next show is better.

Thanks Nicki for organising.

Barn Dance Ridgeway School

Saturday 10 November 2018

Editor writes:

It was a good turnout for this annual charity event. Lots of dancing and lots of... well think we were all dancing the same dance? Great fun.

Thanks Chris for organising for Sq1

Barn Dance Ridgeway School

Saturday 10 November 2018

Chris writes:

£761 was raised on the evening for the Prospect taking the total since Hilary has been organising to £13200.00 Brilliant.

Thank you to all who supported Chris.

Bembridge on the Isle of Wight

Weekend 16-19 November 2018

Sylvia writes:

It was a good weekend away despite the very sad news about Dennis dying peacefully in his sleep. We drank a toast to him on Friday evening and knew he would be the first to say "enjoy your selves" but we did miss him.

Thank you Jo for organising this weekend it was a lot of hard work for you but much appreciated by us all.

Bembridge on the Isle of Wight

Weekend 16-19 November 2018

Wendy writes:

It wasn't the best start as Dennis didn't make it. We drank a little toast to him before we went to dinner on the Friday evening. Then as he would have wished we had a nice weekend.

We went to Osbourne House on the Saturday - a lovely sunny day. Nice teacakes on the way back in Ryde, then returned to Bembridge for dinner and the Jersey Boys entertained us.

On Sunday some of us went to Carisbrooke Castle - another sunny day. Back for dinner and a comedian this evening.

On Monday we all set sail back home.



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Charity Event in aid of the Women's Refuge

Saturday 24 November 2018

Sylvia writes:

This event was in a small venue so the music was a bit too loud. Sadly the Uke Dukes were not as good as Hang Fire but it was an enjoyable evening.

Many thanks to Sylvia for organising.

The Kentwood Christmas Cracker

Sunday 25 November 2018

Sylvia writes:

Unfortunately the show did not live up to its name – the programme was very depressing and I don't think any of us enjoyed this concert. The event was curtailed when a member of the audience was taken ill.

Thanks Linda for organising this event.

DENNIS WOOD

Friday 30 November 2018

Sylvia writes:

It was a sad day as approximately 26 members joined other friends and family to say goodbye to the lovely Dennis - may he rest in peace - we will miss you lots Dennis.

Editor writes:

Words seem rather inadequate as I write 'we will miss you'.

Dennis was a larger than life gentleman who attended every Wed Club night and joyfully participated in almost every Sq1 event that had been organised and many U3A events too.

He embraced new experiences with enthusiasm and also enjoyed writing articles for our newsletter.

Yes – we will miss you.

Winchester Christmas Market

Sunday 2 December 2018

Editor writes:

There must have been about 20+ members who journeyed to Winchester with Barnes Coaches. It was advertised as a Christmas Market but on arrival we discovered there were 'vintage' market stalls too.

We had ample time to check out the stalls, stop for lunch, visit the Town Hall (where King Arthurs Round table hangs on the wall), marvel at the Cathedral and enjoy an afternoon cuppa and cake too.

Thank you Terry for organising this most enjoyable event.

Winchester Christmas Market

Sunday 2 December 2018

Wendy writes:

We spent time at the Cathedral – amazing place. There were lots to look at as we wander among the Christmas markets stalls, followed by Bratwurst and cake. It was a bit damp at times but worth the visit.

Wrag Barn Christmas Dance

Saturday 8 December 2018

Editor writes:

It was an opportunity for us girls (and boys) to put on our glad rags and dazzle - which we did.

Good food, good company, good dancing and a good variety of raffle prizes. £180 was raised from the raffle for the Prospect Hospice.

Organising such an event is a huge task and takes a lot of 'background' work.

Big THANK YOU to Jo



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Toby Carvery, Swindon **Saturday 15 December 2018**

Sylvia writes:

There were 24 due to attend at the Toby but in the end there were only 21 of us who thoroughly enjoyed our meal. Although we had to queue for the carvery it moved very quickly so we didn't have to stand around for too long.

It took a lot of organising so well done Celia on a good evening and thank you for organising this now traditional Square 1 event.

Southbrook Inn **Wednesday 19 Dec 2018**

Sylvia writes:

It was a good evening with some quizzes and lovely 'nibbles' courtesy of Dennis.

Thanks to everyone who made this last club night before Christmas a good one.

WEDNESDAY CLUB NIGHTS **NEW VENUE**

Southbrook Inn
Southbrook Street
Swindon
SN2 1HF
01793 513540

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
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.

Thanks to the following reporters:

Dennis Wood
Sylvia Kendall
Linda Jones
Nicki Sheppard
Chris Millin
Wendy Crowther



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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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