

**PHOENIX ACTIVITIES CLUB  
MAY 2014**

**GROUPS IN THE SPOTLIGHT**

**TENNIS**

Tennis numbers have been down a little lately due to various unforeseen factors. Usually we count on about eight regulars at our Friday morning game at Lea Hall, half of whom are lady members. We are currently building up to our annual tournament in two months time, an occasion of great skill and excitement. The weather has been good to us this year—let's hope it continues.

**Clive Faulkner**

**TABLE TENNIS**

An activity unaffected by the weather, we have had an active winter. Tom Lee has developed an eye problem after an operation and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Membership is just about full for this popular hobby but people do move on. Skill levels are still improving but many of our members find that the spin applied by modern bats can make life difficult when least expected. Two of our members played in the Tamworth League through Lichfield Table Tennis Club, over the winter (O.A.P.s against the world!) If anyone is interested in Veteran Table Tennis, there is a website [www.vetts.org.uk](http://www.vetts.org.uk), for the over 40s. Also the English Table Tennis Association have plenty of information for all ages on [www,etta.co.uk](http://www,etta.co.uk)

**John Bell**

**SHORT TENNIS**

We play Short Tennis inside the Leisure Centre on Friday mornings. As the name suggests you get a shorter racquet and a shorter court, so if you are short on energy this might be the game for you! No previous experience necessary, it's fun and good exercise. No league games, competitions or one-upmanship but an ability to laugh at our shortcomings (see what I did there?) would be useful! Give it a try!

**Linda Bell**

**INFORMATION**

Thu May 15 Coffee Morning  
NGS Garden  
Tue May 20 York  
Sun Jun 01 The Blythe  
Tue Jun 10 Committee  
Thu Jun 12 BBQ  
Thu Jun 19 Coffee Morning  
Guide Dogs  
Thu Jun 26 Southport/Ormskirk

**TEA ROTA**

May Chris Phillips, Glenys Richards  
Terry Partridge & Margaret  
June Chris White, H Chicky  
L.M. Hill  
July David & Lorna Longstaff  
Heather & Chris Turner  
Aug Chris Phillips, Chris Foster  
Mavis Coleman

**SUNDAY LUNCH**

Sunday June 1st 2014  
The Blythe  
12 for 12.30

Ring Monica

**RUGELEY WANDERERS**

**Tuesday 20th May 2014, York, £15**

Places available. RBS 8.30a.m.

Barry will do a conducted tour of York railway station, which is particularly historic, and then on to railway museum for those interested.

**Southport/Ormskirk market £15, June 26th.**

RBS 8.00a.m.

**Moreton-in-Marsh/ Bourton on the**

**Water. Tuesday June 15th. £14.50.**

8.30 a.m. Now taking bookings.

**Buxton/Peak Cruise Friday 15th**

August 2014. Buxton only £14, Cruise & buffet £14.50, combined charge £28.50. RBS 9.30 a.m. Places on boat limited to 40 and seats going quickly.

STOP PRESS! The Ullesthorpe Court Hotel near Hinckley, where we had a really enjoyable meal and time last December, have agreed to do the meal and entertainment again on 23rd January 2015, at the 2013 price. We will have a couple of hours in Coventry before meal. See Barry if interested as we need to send a small deposit.

Barry

**NEWSLETTER**

Copy date for newsletter Wed 12th February 2014

Items should reach Sandra Barlow by that date or at Committee Meetings. Newsletters are available at

1) Coffee Mornings, 2) Sheepfair notice board, 3) website-[www.rugeleyphoenix.org.uk](http://www.rugeleyphoenix.org.uk) or 4) by e-mail. Let Sandra know if you want the e-mail version.