

Phoenix Activities Club— May 2016

Activities in the Spotlight— Tennis



Following doubts about the future of the courts at Lea Hall a few games were played at Etching Hill Tennis Club with a view to possibly joining there. However, after discussions about the availability of the courts at required times, we have now reverted back to Lea Hall and hope their courts will remain in use.

The arrival of Spring has not yet shown a marked improvement in temperature and knees still remain hidden beneath track-suits.

Dave Russell, our oldest (?) member at 80 still manages to run around like a 79-year-old shouting 'Yours' to his partner! We're glad to see Tom Lee recovering from his eye trouble and Mike Fitzpatrick still holds the world (?) record getting from the base line to the net. We are awaiting the return of Sarah Ashley who suffered a fractured collar bone playing the dangerous game of netball (non-contact sport?).

Those who watched Angela Rippon's programme on living long healthy lives will appreciate the game of tennis for all ages, involving skill, fitness, co-ordination, dexterity and occasional tactics reminiscent of one of Baldrick's cunning plans!

P.S. Since writing this report the sun has come out and knees have made an appearance!

Clive Faulkner

Forthcoming Attractions— Dates for your diary

Computer Group—

The next session will be 18th May 2016— pm-4pm.

15th June 2016 (please note)—

Future sessions— **dates to follow**

Contact Leader—Dawn Shaw dawndenshaw@btconnect.com

Music Quiz—21st May 2016- by Mike Page

At Sheepfair - £2.50 each—Teams of 4 (max)

Light Refreshments— 7.00pm start

Crown Green Bowls is up and running.

Join us at Lea Hall bowling Green — 2...4pm...on Mondays

For more information contact

Jan Quartermain ..or

Deryck Taphouse



On behalf of the **Knitters and Natterers**, 'thank you' to everyone who came to our afternoon tea on April 21 to mark the Queen's 90th birthday. Hope you enjoyed the lovely food by SNUG of Rugeley, and the entertainment. Huge thanks to everyone who worked on the day and behind the scenes beforehand, including Kath Bryan for designing and printing the tickets, and thanks for being good sports to HRH the Princess Margaret, the Countess of Clee, the Duchess of Monro, the Marchioness of Irvine, and Lady Pinder. It was also very kind of Prince Philip to drop in with a letter from the Queen.

Following the Queen's birthday tea party, we held on April 21, on getting home and checking the china I had loaned I found several pieces were missing. I didn't have chance to check before leaving Sheepfair but have since gone through the kitchen cupboards there, and asked people who were at the party, and drawn a complete blank. These are the missing items - two blue floral teacups in Pandora pattern by Paragon and one orange floral cup in 'Evelyn' pattern by Duchess. And that's not all - at the St. George's Day party we did last year, I lost a rose and honeysuckle patterned cup and saucer in Colclough china, which have also never been found. So that's three incomplete tea sets I now own! Please ring me if you can help.

Pat Tams

Diary in Brief

Thur May 19th 2016—David Bell 'Up The Garden Path'
Sat May 21st 2016— Music Quiz
Wed Jun 8th 2016—Whitby
Thur Jun 16th 2016—Kath Reynolds
Thur Jul 21st 2016- Gabriela 'Queen of the Ukulele'.
Thur Box Aug 18th 2016—Judith Farrington 'My Granny's'
Thur Sep 8th 2016—Ellesmere Port, Canal Trust
Thur Sep 15th 2016— AGM
Thur Oct 20th 2016—David Taylor
'Where Did All The Nails Go To'
Mon Dec 5th 2016 —Chester

TEA ROTA

May S.Salt, I. Salt
Jun S. Chriss, R. Johnson, S. Jenkins
Jul R & M Cross, C. White, S. Shepherd
Aug C. Nally, L. Curtis,

Rugeley Wanderers

Thursday September 8th 2016—Canal Trust, Ellesmere Port/Liverpool,

£12. inclusive of entrance fee. -8.00am RBS

Morning coffee and a boat trip available at an extra charge.

Monday December 5th 2016—Chester £8.—

Tickets go on sale in August

Shared Holidays With Grayshells—

It is possible to have shared places on existing Grayshell holidays as we do not seem to be able to fill a coach for ourselves. Please ask Barry or John for more details on these holidays.

Contact Barry—

Newsletter

Copy date: June 8th 2016

Items should reach Kath Bryan by that date please.

Email bkath326@gmail.com or

at the Committee Meeting.

Newsletter available at Coffee Mornings,

Sheepfair Notice board & Website.

A number of officers have it on record of their intention to step down in September 2016. So we will be looking for members to step into roles.

We are looking for a Deputy Treasurer to work alongside the existing Treasurer. Is this your area of expertise? There must be a number of members who have the skills, could you step up?

Sheepfair Parking

A polite reminder—

Please can we remind all car users at Sheepfair not to park in the hatched areas or to double park, failure to do this could result in a parking fine.



Theatre Trips:



Wednesday 13th July 2016 at 2p.m.

MAMMA MIA at Birmingham Hippodrome

The pick-up times for this trip are as follows:-

STAGS LEAP 11a.m. BUS STATION 11 10a.m. approx

(This will give you a chance to do some shopping or have a nice leisurely lunch).

Wednesday 7th September 2016 at 2.30pm

SUNNY AFTERNOON at Birmingham Alexandra,

All tickets have now been sold for this show. Please let us know if you would like us to take your name in case we get any cancellations.

The pick-up times for this trip are as follows: -

STAGS LEAP 12.30p.m. BUS STATION 12.40pm (approx)

Moira or Joy

Please make cheques payable to:

Rugeley Phoenix Activities Club.

MONDAY WALKS

We meet at 09.45a.m for a 10.00a.m start.

Mon 23rd May 2016—Walk from Marquis Drive—flask walk led by Brenda & Bill

Mon 30th May 2016— Bank holiday walk from Osmaston Village Hall (DE16 1LW) own refreshments or there is a pub in the village. Led by John & Jennifer.

Wed 8th June 2016—Evening walk & meal from The Gate Pub Branston led by Jan & Ivan

Contact Bill —

email Williambrough7@gmail.com



Keep Fit

Wendy will be leaving after six years as Keep Fit leader, in July when the class closes down for the Summer recess. In consequence, a new leader needs to be found to commence when class reconvenes in early September. Despite repeated request over the past twelve months, within the group, for a volunteer to take over, there have been no takers. To ensure the continuance of the group a vote has been taken, and it was decided that the only way forward, is to mirror the Tai Chi groups format, and employ a paid instructor. The members are aware that the cost will be borne by themselves, not the club.

Before we go to the stage of newspaper ads, please can we ask if anyone knows of a Keep Fit Instructor, suitable to lead the group in exercise for the mature person, would they please let Wendy or Cynthia Abbott know ASAP.

Thank you.

Sunday Lunch

The Crown, Abbots Bromley—

July 3rd 2016

Contact Monica -

CHAT FROM US

From the Chair—May 2016

Hello all! May already eh? It'll be Christmas soon. There can't be many more than two hundred shopping days left so hurry hurry!!!!

If you are not Christmas Shopping, then I guess some of you will be preparing to dip your toes in the ocean soon, be it home or abroad, we hope all your holidays are enjoyable.

Our club continues to function, holidays or not. How about the wonderful tea party provided by Moira and her Knit and Knatter Group? I heard it was a joy. All my comments are hearsay, because I was one of the unlucky ones who did not manage to buy a ticket in time. It was a very suitable way to celebrate the birthday of our cherished sovereign. Very many thanks to Moira and everyone who volunteered to help out in any way, no matter how small.

Going on from there, may I say that all our members owe a great debt to all who volunteer in many ways. The Group Leaders and their helpers who tirelessly provide us with interesting and informative sessions week after week. It doesn't just happen you know. It takes organisation and preparation. All done in their own time. The Committee Members who give their time and expertise, to attend meetings and organise our club in order for it to function. Without them, there would be no club.

Have you noticed that when you attend a Phoenix function, it is mostly the same people supporting the event, and the same people organising and helping out? Is this a coincidence? I don't think so. Are we all a little too complacent?

Our membership currently stands at 569. How many of that 569 are happy to pay their £5 per annum and then sit back and let all the others provide the time, knowledge, muscle and everything else which makes the club tick?

If 569 folks gave just ten minutes a month, that would equate to 5690 minutes or 9 hrs 48 minutes help. Not a lot for each person but a huge amount could be achieved with almost ten hours' assistance. Think about it. Don't sit back and constantly take, come forward and give sometimes. There is no financial reward, but you'll feel so good.

Lecture over! However, although it is only May, there are only three more Coffee Mornings before the September A G M, so if you are considering volunteering for a Committee Position, or anything else to help, now would be a good time to begin shadowing the current incumbent, to get some insight into what would be expected of you. Give it a try, you may even enjoy it. If more members put themselves forward, time spent in a role would be shorter, and more would see how rewarding it can be.

Our club needs to move forward, and to that end some injection of new blood would certainly be beneficial. So, search your soul and if you think you can help, make it known to us or your Group Leader. Thank you.

Wendy & Sandra

CHAIRMAN'S EMAIL

Chairman@rugeleyphoenix.org.uk

Next Committee meeting—

Tuesday 7th June 2016

Next Coffee Morning

Thursday 16th June 2016

Kath Reynolds