

# Phoenix Activities Club- December 2017



## Activities in the Spotlight— Photography-

We meet every Monday at 1.45 at Etching Hill Village Hall. People with every conceivable level of photography skill and experience turn up, so we learn from one another. Each week sees some sort of presentation or group exercise on a particular topic-how to use your camera, the basics of PhotoShop, mounting your prints in frames and the like.

It's enjoyable, it's relaxed it's social experience as well as an opportunity to build on your own photography skills. Don't think for a moment that because you've not got the most expensive camera, or really don't really understand how to use it, that you'll be embarrassed or unwelcome. You **will** be welcome and given whatever help you need. Just come along and join the fun.

## Skittles Evening

The Annual Skittles evening was held at Sheepfair on Saturday 26th November, with teams based on our activities, albeit loosely and under pseudonyms. Nine very competitive teams set about flattening the poor defenseless skittles. Scoring in the early rounds was very even, until fatigue and alcohol began to take its toll. In a close finish after four intense rounds the Mad Hatters (142) just pipped The Waltzers (139) and the Court Jesters (135) to claim the prize. The individual honors went to Graham Nunn, the only player to clatter all nine skittles and Roy Millard who with 29 just outscored Cynthia Abbot and John Manning, both with 28. However, when the knock out competition with a £20 prize on offer suddenly everyone's focus returned and after some amazing aiming a winner emerged. Congratulations to Jean Lloyd!

Finally, many thanks to all who helped in the morning to set up the room and to all who helped on the night. Another enjoyable evening for the Phenix Members.

## Sunday Lunch— Crown Pub—Alrewas

7th January 2018

Contact Monica



## Notice

Sadly two very special Phoenix members passed away recently.

### **Irene Sillitoe and Dot Andrews**

Both were long standing members of Phoenix Group, who over the years belonged to many of the activities. They will be much missed and thought of often.

We send our sincere condolences to their family and friends.



## News in Brief

Thurs	Dec	21st 2017	—Davis St John—Vocalist Entertainer
Jan	Jan	18th 2018	Joan Lockley— Hedgehog Rescue
Wed	Jan	31st 2018-	Birmingham Hippodrome- 'Beautiful'
Sat	Feb	17th 2018	Saturday Night at the Dogs

## Rugeley Wanderers

## Now taking bookings for: 2018

### First trips of the year

Saturday 17th Feb 2018 -Saturday night at the dogs. To include travel-admission & race card, Pick-up Rugeley Bus Station 5.45pm. £18

### Wednesday 7th March 2018-

Wells Somerset, with its Cathedral & Bishop's Palace & Gardens and it's market day! £15

Outings List for 2018 available at the  
December Coffee Morning

All trips set off at 8.00am unless otherwise stated

Contact Ivan —



## Newsletter

Copy date: 10th January 2018

Items should reach Kath Bryan by that date please.

Email: [bkath326@gmail.com](mailto:bkath326@gmail.com) or  
at the Committee Meeting.

Newsletter available at Coffee Mornings,  
Sheepfair Notice board & Website.

## Next Committee meeting—

9th January 2018

Next Coffee Morning

18th January 2018

Phoenix Welfare officer— Rhoda Johnson



The committee would like to wish all the members a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**Theatre Trips:** - The book for tickets for the musical in Birmingham Beautiful is closed.



Pick-up for the above trip on Jan 31st 2018—

**Stag's Leap 11.15am and Bus Station 11.25am**

Please keep an eye on this section for the next trip.

Thank you to all those Phoenix members who have joined us this year. We look forward to the new year and new adventures.

Let us know if there is something you are interested in.

Contact Moira or Joy

### **MONDAY WALKS**

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

**Mon 1st Jan 2018**—Llam Hall led by Bob & Cynthia



**Mon 8th Jan 2018**—TBA led by Bill

**Mon 15th Jan 2018**— Seven Springs flask walk led by Frank & Jackie

**Mon 22nd Jan 2018**— Chase Café flask walk led by Mike & Chris

**Mon 29th Jan 2018**— Glaciere Boulder flask walk led by Mike

Contact Frank-

### **Do you like Scrabble?**

<https://www.zynga.com/games/words-friends>

If you are interested in playing, download the game (suitable for computer, laptop, ipad, iphone and most tablets) create a new game using the contact code **henry8aaa**

Did you try to leave a message on this site and couldn't get through? please let Kath Bryan know and she will put you in touch with the appropriate person.

**NB- After Dec 14th 2017, Knit & Natter will not meet again until 4th January 2018**



## **Chat from Me — December 2017**

Well so far it's been a freezing cold November and I've already been tucking into the mince pies and sipped my first glass of mulled wine. I did manage to pop along, with my granddaughter in tow, to meet the members of sequence dancing. It was very well attended and looked like a lot of fun, I was very impressed and Darcie thoroughly enjoyed it. Thank you for the cup of tea and Darcie enjoyed the biscuits.

I hear the trip to Gloucester quays went well and everyone had an enjoyable time. Please let us know if anyone has any suggestions for trips.

With Christmas just around the corner, should you need companionship this time of year make sure you attend the coffee morning on Thursday 21st with vocalist David St John. I'm sure he will get us into the mood for the festivities ahead. Although there is no prize for the best dressed table or jumper this year please bring along your table decorations and wear your Christmas jumper etc.

Thank you Elaine

**CHAIRMAN'S EMAIL—** [Chairman@rugeleyphoenix.org.uk](mailto:Chairman@rugeleyphoenix.org.uk)

**Unused Medicines-** If anyone has left-over or part-filled boxes or packets of pills, medicines or syringes, they would be gratefully received by third world countries. Hospitals have to scrap them if returned, but other countries are in need of all kinds of medicines.

*Clive & Irene would like to thank all those who, so far have sent in their unused medicines, it has been sent to Syria, where it will be very welcome—Please contact C. Faulkner or I. Faulkner*

### **We are still looking for:**

**Speakers Secretary-** We need a new a 'Speakers secretary' urgently, to book speakers for Coffee Mornings. Perhaps you and a friend/partner could work together. **Please be aware we have nothing booked after the December coffee morning!!!** We have a list of past speakers to get you started and there would be help if needed.

**Please can you help?**