

# Phoenix Activities Club-

## January 2018



### Activities in the Spotlight—Music-

Yet another Year over to use the old cliché 'Doesn't time fly!!'

Commencing this New Year 2018, the Phoenix Music Group will be practising Old Time Musical songs, in preparation for a concert at ST Paul's Methodist/United Reformed Church Rugeley later this year, proceeds of which go to the church and their charities. Last years concert had an audience of around 80 who had a great evening joining in with the singing.

Last November we led the Children's Christmas lantern parade/ Service in the Market Square, Rugeley with Christmas carols starting the build-up to Christmas.

In December we sang a mixture of carols & Christmas songs at Sandra's Sing a-long Phoenix party. Despite the severe winter weather conditions those who managed to get there had a very enjoyable, fun evening.

Our group has three new members join us recently, if you feel like having a go at singing with us then you will be most welcome to join us at Sheepfair Thursday mornings 10am—12noon.

Thanks to all the Music group for their hard work & support last year and we wish all of the Phoenix members A Happy New Year.

Leader Chris Turner & Assistant Leader Linda Bell

### Christmas Sing-along

Well done to Sandra and John for another successful Christmas Sing-along. Despite the horrible weather most people who bought tickets were able to get to the event.

The Monday walking group took a collection after a meeting on Monday 18th December 2017, for Diabetes Research. They collected £130 which was sent to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. They received a reply to say thank you and that the money would help fund vital research to cure, treat and prevent type 1 diabetes.

### Photography Competition -

A couple of Phoenix members have come forward to organise a Photography competition.

Categories:- 1. person or people. 2. pets, wildlife, 3. landscapes (can include town scenes ,etc). 4. flora (flowers, trees and fields).

Any size up to 10x8, colour or b/w,. One print per member per category. Not open to members, past or present of Phoenix camera club. Membership number and category on the rear of each submission only please.

5 prizes, 1 for each category plus overall winner.

Entries to activity leaders, Sue or Jeff, closing date March coffee morning, results April Coffee Morning, **so start snapping now!**

### News in Brief

Jan	Jan	18th 2018	Joan Lockley— Hedgehog Rescue
Wed	Jan	31st 2018-	Birmingham Hippodrome- 'Beautiful' .
Thurs	Feb	15th 2018	Coffee Morning— Kate's Party
Sat	Feb	17th 2018	Saturday Night at the Dogs

### Rugeley Wanderers

**Now taking bookings for: 2018**



**Saturday 17th Feb 2018** -Saturday night at the dogs. To include travel & race card, £10. Free Admission with bus-pass,. If you would like to order a Balti you can book - Travel, Race Card, Admission and Balti for £30  
Pick-up Rugeley Bus Station 5.45pm.  
Bar food also available to purchase.

### **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  
January 2018 Coffee Morning

All trips set off at 8.00am unless otherwise stated

Contact Ivan —

### **Newsletter**

Copy date: **7th February 2018**

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.

### **Next Committee meeting—**

**6th February 2018**

### **Next Coffee Morning-15th February 2018**

**John Turner** organised a big raffle at the Christmas Coffee Morning in support of the Merchant Navy and raised a brilliant £146. Well done John

**Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year to all of our friends at Phoenix**

## 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 joined the group to see some great theatre in 2017.

We look forward to the new year and new adventures.

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

Contact **Moira Joy**

## MONDAY WALKS

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

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- Glacier Boulder car park, flask walk led by Mike

Mon 5th Feb 2018- Marquis Drive led by Rob & Wendy flask walk

Mon 12th Feb 2018- St Ann's Church, Chasetown, WS7 3QL led by Angela, park on the road.

Mon 19th Feb 2018—TBA

Mon 26th Feb 2018—Golf Green car park between Milford & Brocton, bring your flasks, led by Frank & Jackie

Contact Frank-

## Please Note

Floral Art will be back after our winter break on February 9th 2018.

## Tennis

Why not try a new sport in 2018 or if you've played before renew your love of the game. New players will be given help. Age no problem, two octogenarians still playing.

Ring Tom or just come along Friday mornings to Lea Hall Tennis courts, Sandy Lane. 10am—12 noon.



## Chat from Me — January 2018

Happy New Year to you all wishing you health & happiness for the year ahead.

I hope you all had a good Christmas, mine was quiet, both my daughters were at work Christmas Day. One runs a pub the other is a nurse at Birmingham Children's hospital. I ate a lot, drank a fair bit and watched tv. (no change there then!).

The December coffee morning with all round entertainer David St. John was indeed entertaining. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Don't forget we are taking bookings for trip to Perry Bar dog racing, Saturday 17th February and a coach trip to Wells, Somerset, Wednesday 7th march 2018.

Here's to a happy 2018 first coffee morning of the year, it's on the 18th January, see you there.

Thank you Elaine

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## 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.

We have a list of past speakers to get you started and there would be help if needed.

## Please can you help?

Phoenix Welfare officer— Rhoda Johnson

## Notice

We were recently informed that sadly one of our members,  
Elizabeth Sprague, had passed away.  
Her Phoenix friends will miss her and remember her fondly.

The committee send their sincere condolences to her family and friends.

