

Ladies Committee Quarterly Newsletter - Autumn 2015

Dear Ladies

We hope that you have been able to enjoy the summer, even though the typical English weather may have been a bit of a challenge at times.

The Ladies Committee has been busy over the summer months preparing for our very first **Ladies Night** which took place on Friday 11th September. 50 ladies whose ages ranged from 15 to 93 attended the event. The evening started with Prossceco and canapés being served by our Commodore, Chris Mansfield after which we sat down to a delicious 2 course dinner and over coffee were entertained by Chris Smeed. A fantastic evening was had by all, here are just a few of the many comments;

“A fantastic night, exceeded all expectations, such fun”

“ I am having a lovely time, not sure I’m ready for the Old Folks home yet” Rita (93 years old)

“Had a fantastic time, great evening - still not sure about the all women dancing thing, but here’s to next year or sooner for another great ladies night”

“A great evening, thanks to you all for organising”



Hopefully this event will now become a regular feature on our events calendar, so look out for the next date and make sure you book early.

There will be two more **Athena Lunches** this year, the next one is on **Friday 2nd October** and another in December. If you have never tried one, just pop along. You will receive an email with details of each event.

We also have our final **Formal Ladies Lunch** of the year on **Thursday 15th October**, which shouldn't be missed. After a two course lunch, the speaker Neil Stewart will describe the amazing wildlife in the Kruger National Park, so please make sure you don't miss it and have the date in your diary.

Once again our annual **MacMillan Coffee morning** was well attended and a great success. We raised £845 for this very worthwhile cause. A big thank you to those who made or donated cakes and helped serve tea and coffee and to our stallholders - Guluzar Handbags, Miglie Jewellery, Maxine Jones Sue Davies & Phoenix Cards.



Now, for all the Bridge players amongst us, don't forget our **Charity Bridge Drive** on **Thursday 12th November** starting at 1:45 for 2pm. Why not make up a four (men are welcome) and join us and enjoy playing Bridge followed by a delicious afternoon tea. Once again all money raised at this event will not only help our chosen charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, but also help the club buy those "extra" items.

The Committee has been preparing for our annual **Christmas Fayre** on **Saturday 7th November**. This is a very popular event and is our biggest fund raiser of the year. Planning for this years Fayre started as soon as last years Fayre closed. This year we decided to have a new look for our posters and flyers, these are now at the printers and will be ready shortly. Keep a look out in the local press for our advertisements. We will be welcoming a total of 40 stall holders, some of which will be our old favourites from past years and alongside these regulars are some new faces. This is just the place to start this years "Christmas shopping" we are sure you will find a gift to suit all ages for your family and friends. Festive food and drink will be served throughout the day. Please come and join us and lets get the festive season off to a flying start.

Help is always need at these events so if you are able spare an hour or two to help set up the Fayre on Friday 6th November or during the day itself then contact Anne Middleton who would love to hear from you.

Email middleton-anne@sky.com

So many of you have given so generously to our chosen charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People we have so far this year we have raised £806.00. Thank You. During Splash week the Splashers were treated to a visit from one of the Chariity's puppies, Dillon, which was a great success.

As all Committees, we always need **new members** with new ideas on how we can improve and move forward, ensuring that the committee keeps pace with the needs and wishes of our female members. Please don't be shy, if you would like to join the committee (there are 4 vacant spaces this year) or just help at any of our events, please speak to Lizzy Davis our Chair.

Remember without your support or input the Committee cannot raise the funds that help our local charities and our Club.

Full details of all our events will be emailed to you personally and can also be found on the Club's Weekly Newsletter and on the Ladies Committee page on the Club website under the "Ashore" tab.

Best Wishes

Ladies Committee