

**Welcome to the first Newsletter of 2016.
May we take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.**

The Ladies Committee thank you for all your support last year. You will be pleased to know that the Ladies Committee raised £3130 for Charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, £845 Macmillan Cancer Support and made a donation to the Hamble Lifeboat. We have also been able to spend nearly £4500 on the bedroom improvement programme. Our charities this year are Wet Wheels Foundation, Hamble Lifeboats, Dementia UK Admiral Nursing and Macmillan Cancer Support. Take a look at their websites for more information on the fantastic work they do;

<https://www.dementiauk.org/how-we-help/>

<http://www.hamblelifeboat.co.uk>

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk>

<http://www.wetwheelsfoundation.org>

Since the AGM in November the new Committee has been busy planning the events for the coming year, which are now listed in the Events Calendar on the Club website. There are still the old favourites and well established events, such as our highly popular Christmas Fayre, plus a few new ones. All the monies raised at our events not only support our chosen charities, but also help the Club purchase those extra things that we need - so every penny counts.

Please make sure you have the dates in your diaries

March 4 - Coffee Morning in aid of Dementia UK followed by Athena Lunch

March 10 - Bridge Drive

April 14 - Spring Formal Lunch - Speaker Elfrida Eden Fallowfield "DANCING DEBUTANTES"

June 3 - Ladies Evening Event

July 1 - Athena Lunch

September 2 - Athena Lunch

September 23 - Macmillan Coffee Morning

October 7 - Gentlemen's Lunch

October 13 - Autumn Formal Lunch - Speaker TBC

November 4 - Christmas Fayre Set Up - Meet in the upper bar at 11:00

November 5 - Christmas Fayre

November 10 - Bridge Drive

December 2 - Athena Lunch

We start the year with a Coffee Morning and Raffle on **Friday 4th March** in aid of Dementia UK, Admiral Nursing. Do come along with your friends and enjoy a coffee, a natter, take a look at some of the stalls and an Admiral Nurse will be there to explain the role of the charity. The Ladies can then stay on for the Athena Lunch and enjoy a superb two course meal with a glass of wine.

Thursday 10th March is the date for our Spring Bridge Drive, which is always a popular event with our Bridge playing members and their guests. A delicious tea of cakes and sandwiches will be served during the afternoon.

Remember members and their guests are welcome at all these events.

As always help is needed to make these events successful, if you fancy making cakes for either the Coffee Morning or Bridge Drive or can spare a couple of hours to help set up or serve teas and coffees then please contact any member of the committee....

Carole Gould, Linda Munro, Ginny Nixon, Nicky Gardner, Anne Middleton, Sandie Llewellyn, Jo Ward, Stella McCue and the Flag Officers Ladies Pam Mansfield and Karen Henderson-Williams.