

Stratford-upon-Avon and District Group



Newsletter

July
2017

Yes, we know it's July...

We have enjoyed four lovely **Christmas meals** at **Bistrot Pierre** in Stratford and the *Swans Nest Hotel* allowed us to use one of their conference rooms for our festive lunch.

Unfortunately, the hotel has been sold and the new owners haven't decided about the future of these rooms and won't commit to hiring them out.

So, we are having our **Christmas** meal in the *Bistrot Pierre* restaurant itself on **Sunday 10th December**. The hotel will use half of the restaurant for us and keep the rest of the room for the public. At least we know the food is good!

I realise that it's not quite the spacious room we are used to at the hotel and so we need to limit the number of diners to 40 this year. We will need names and a deposit of £10 earlier than usual as the *Bistro* manager has asked for this.

Please send **Paul Vaughan** the deposit by the end of July. *Paul's* address is 12 Brownlow Drive, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 9QS. Spaces are limited so it is first come, first served (so to speak).

Angie



Bistrot Pierre, Stratford-upon-Avon

Plant Sale success

We had a really lovely morning at **Dave & Ellen's Plant Sale**. They had both worked so hard in organising the event, the weather was sunny but a little windy towards the end.

The sale was as successful this year as last year, with customers queuing at the gate ready to spend their money. The various plants and shrubs on sale were donated by the following kind people and organisations:

- *Borden Hill nurseries*
- *Young's plants*
- *Pete Clifford*
- *Blenheim nurseries.*

After the sale, many of us went to **Mrs West's** house for an enjoyable cup of coffee and cake. She very kindly allowed access to her beautiful gardens and we sat for a time socialising with friends. Many thanks to *Mrs West* and the ladies who helped her.

The sale was incredibly successful this year raising a remarkable **£1827**. I think we can all say a brilliant morning.

Angie

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Physio classes cancelled

Our neuro-physiotherapist, **Katharine**, had a car accident earlier in the year in which she sustained a neck injury.

She carried on working for a few weeks but realised that the only way it was going to improve was to take some time off.

Katharine informs us that it is improving, but as her work is physically demanding, she has been advised not to start again until after the summer.

Hopefully the classes on Fridays will resume in September.

We wish *Katharine* a good summer and hope she will be fully fit again soon.

Advice bureaux merge

Please note that as of 1st April 2017 Stratford upon Avon Citizens Advice (www.stratforduponavoncab.org.uk) and Warwick District Citizens Advice (www.cableamington.org.uk) merged to form Citizens Advice South Warwickshire (CASW). The new CASW website has just gone live at www.casouthwarwickshire.org.uk with a new structure.

Thanks

We were fortunate to be chosen as one of the three charities to benefit from a share of **£1000** in the **Community Matters** scheme in the *Waitrose* store in Alcester during May. This involves customers voting with green tokens for the charity of their choice. We received **£585** so we must thank everyone who voted for us.

Alcester was also the venue of our most recent street collection. We are grateful to everyone who helped with this and the total raised was just over **£100**.

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Shipston Drop Ins

Owing to the change of ownership at the **White Bear** in Shipston we shall be looking for an alternative venue for future meetings.

This is not an easy task in Shipston as most of the hotels and public houses are in old buildings which create difficulties for people with reduced mobility.

In the meantime, during the remaining summer months, we have decided to meet in *Timothy's Restaurant at the Fosseway Garden Centre, Stow Rd, Moreton-in-Marsh GL56 0DS*.

Most of the people who have been attending our meetings lately seem to have transport and the parking there is excellent.

If you have problems getting there please contact **Ann Bartlett** and she will see what can be done to get you there.

100 Club

The latest 100 club draw was made at our Drop In at the Methodist Church, Stratford-upon-Avon. We ask an independent person to make the draw and this time the winning numbers were drawn by the window cleaner who was working there that day(!).

The first prize of £20 went to **Sarah Fox**.

Second prizes of £10 each were won by **Janette Palmer** and **Ann Bartlett**.

Calendar dates



For a full calendar of events: visit www.stratfordms.org.uk.

Drop in for a chat...

on Tuesday 11th July
at Church House, Butter Street, Alcester B49 5AL
10.30am - Noon.

on Wednesday 19th July
at the Methodist Church, Old Town, Stratford-on-Avon
CV37 6BG 10.30am - Noon.

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on Tuesday 25th July
(Shipston: venue change)
at Timothy's restaurant
Fosseway Garden Centre
Stow Road, Moreton-in-Marsh
GL56 0DS 10.30 – Noon



Timothy's restaurant

We are grateful to the *Stratford Branch* of the **Coventry Building Society** for their support with fundraising and grants.



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CAB Helpline: 0844 855 2322

UBUS (for accessible transport)

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