

THE PHOENIX STROKE CLUB



MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

DEAR MEMBERS, CARERS & VOLUNTEERS

We are very pleased to welcome new members Nick and Simon who have recently joined the Club and Alison and Sue who have joined our team of volunteers. Please look out for them and make them feel welcome.

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Thanks to all those who attended the Club's AGM last week. There are copies of the Club Supervisor's and Trustees' Reports and the Annual Accounts in the office for anyone who wasn't able to be there.

Our Treasurer, Matt Haverson presented the accounts and explained it had been necessary to review subscription rates. It has been decided to amalgamate the termly subscriptions and weekly payments and in order to cover increased running costs, subscriptions will be £20 for Club days and £10 for the Communications Group with effect from 1 June. All members will receive an individual letter by the end of April setting out exactly what amount is to be paid. As always, any member who is concerned about their financial situation should speak to Celia or Renata.

The new "Onwards & Upwards" lunchtime discussion group has started to meet following the Communications group on Thursdays. The cost will be £12 per session to include a light lunch.

Hire charges will also increase from 1 June to £15 per hour for charities and £25 per hour for others.

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The acoustic panels have been fitted and the feedback is very positive. The Trustees are still considering the feasibility of installing a hearing loop and in response to concerns about the lighting, will also be looking at possible ways to reduce the glare.

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The initial phase of work in the garden is complete – many thanks to Amy from AH Garden Design, Dave & team from Cathedral Landscapes and Matt from Qube Resin for a job very well done. Our gardener handyman Lawrence has some ideas for additional projects including some raised planters. Wednesday volunteer Marie James is helping to source more plants, bulbs, seating, umbrellas and a wheel barrow and we hope local garden centres and businesses will be generous!

FUTURE EVENTS

Phoenix Club Official Opening

The “official opening” of the new Clubhouse is on Thursday 14 April at 11am.

TV presenter Chris Tarrant will join members, volunteers, trustees, friends and supporters to celebrate.

Refreshments will be served - please let Celia or Renata know if you're planning to come.

Queens Platinum Jubilee

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated on the following days:

Monday Group on 30 May, Tuesday Group on 31 May, Wednesday group on 1 June
and both Thursday Groups on 26 May from 10am to 12 noon

The programme will include royal quizzes, garden games and a cream tea

Fundraising Cycle Ride

Harry Roadley (son of Trustee & Tuesday volunteer Pauline) is raising funds for the Club by completing a 5 day cycle ride from London to Paris in June.

Please let Celia or Renata know if you want to sponsor Harry.

Slinfold Concert Band

The Slinfold Concert Band fundraiser will be held on Sunday 23 October in the afternoon at St Marks Church in North Heath Lane.

More information to follow.

BEST WISHES FROM THE TRUSTEES